SPECIAL
XMAS TEA
2/8, 3/-, 3/6.
Delivered duty paid in Ireland and Great Britain.
7lbs. Carriage Paid.
Robt. Roberts & Co. (Ireland), LTD
44 Grafton Street
19 Suffolk Street
DUBLIN.

SPECIAL EXTRA

The Irish Times.

PRICE TWOPENCE. DUBLIN, MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1924. VOL. LXVI. NO. 21,120.

ASK FOR
A Baby O'Brien
THE
BEST SMALL SODA

CREAM.
FOR RICHNESS AND FLAVOUR
THE LUCAN DAIRY
LEADS.
DELIVERED
IN BULK OR CONTAINERS.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths (which in all cases must be authenticated), 3 lines, 2/6; each additional line of 7 words, 8d.

Irish Times 'Phone Nos. { —Dublin—3036 and 3037; Belfast—1781; —London—Central 4250. Belfast Office—139 Royal Avenue. London Office—89 Fleet Street.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

IN MEMORIAM.
(1914-1918).

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE.

YARNELL—In loving memory of our darling Victor, who made the supreme sacrifice March 30th, 1918. Always remembered by loving parents.

BIRTHS.

CORBETT—December 16, 1924, at "Bunratty House," County Clare, the wife of E. L. Corbett, of a son.

FALKNER—December 18, 1924, at Tranhoe, Lansdowne road, to Edith, wife of S. G. Falkner, a daughter (stillborn).

JACKSON—December 14, 1924, at 89 Lower Baggot street, Dublin, wife of Major Claude R. Jackson, M.C., a son.

O SUILLEAVAIN—Do rugadh mac do Ghearóid O Suilleavain agus da mhnaoi ag 89 Sraid Iochtarach na Bagoide ar an 18adh la de mhi na Noding, 1924.

O'SULLIVAN—December 18, 1924, at 89 Lower Baggot street, to Mr and Mrs. Gearoid O'Sullivan, a son.

MARRIAGE.

ARMSTRONG and MARKBY—December 17, 1924, at Cleenish Parish Church, by Rev. R. C. Lapham, M.A., Alured Montgomery Thompson Armstrong, eldest son of Mr. T. Armstrong, Rose Cottage, Bellanaleck, Enniskillen, to Matilda, youngest daughter of Mr. R. Markby, Scart, Caherconlish, County Limerick.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in 1. 3 column will be found on Page 6.

BROWNE—December 21, 1924, Rev. Canon J. E. Browne, B.D., Rector of St. Mary's Church, Crumlin road, Belfast, aged 58 years. Funeral from Vicarage 10 o'clock to-morrow (Tuesday), 23rd.

BUDDS—Saturday, December 20, 1924, at 3 Castle terrace, Dalkey, County Dublin, of cerebral meningitis, Lilian, the darling only child of the late Rev. John B. Budds, M.A., Royal Navy, and of Mrs. Budds. "In God's keeping." Funeral to Dean's Grange to-morrow (Tuesday).

FRANKS—December 20, 1924, at Northcote, Greencastle, County Antrim, Ethel Millicent Franks, beloved wife of Thomas F. Franks. Funeral private.

HUNTER—December 20, 1924, at her residence, No. 1 Carlton terrace, Bray, Mary Jane Hunter. Funeral (private) this (Monday) morning 10.45. American, New Zealand, and Australian papers please copy.

KEOGH—December 20, 1924, at his residence, 38 Mountpleasant square, Ranelagh, Dublin, James J. Keogh. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. R.I.P. Funeral (private), after 10 o'clock Mass, this (Monday) morning from the Church of Our Lady of Refuge, Rathmines.

ROGERSON—December 20, 1924, at his residence, Clonbrone, Temple road, William Kennedy Rogerson, son of the late David Rogerson, of Olney, Terenure. Funeral this day (Monday) to Mount Jerome 11.30. No flowers.

TEVLIN—December 20, 1924, at Newrath, Kells, County Meath, Patrick Francis Tevlin (Patten), R.I.P. Office and High Mass at Kilbeg Church this day (Monday), December 22, at 11 a.m. Funeral same day from Kilbeg Church at 2 p.m. to New Cemetery, Kells.

VERSCHOYLE—December 20, 1924, at 19 Fitzwilliam square, Frances H. H. Verschoyle, wife of W. H. F. Verschoyle. Funeral strictly private.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mrs. Gordon and family, 11 Spencer Villas, Glenageary, desire to return sincere thanks to all kind friends who sympathised with them in their recent great sorrow and bereavement, and also to those who sent cards and letters, which are too numerous to reply to each one individually, and trust this will be accepted by all as a grateful acknowledgment.

Mrs. O'Loughlin and family return sincere thanks to all who sympathised with them in their recent sorrow.

MASSES.

O'LEARY—On to-morrow (Tuesday), 23rd inst., Masses will be offered in Mount Argus and Whitefriar street Churches for the happy repose of the soul of the late Thomas O'Leary, L.R.A., killed on March 23rd, 1923. R.I.P. Never forgotten.

IN MEMORIAM.

CHAPMAN—Thirty-first Anniversary—In loving memory of William Chapman, of Wicklow, who departed this life on December 23, 1893.

DORRITY—In dear memory of our son, Bobs, died December 23rd, 1923.—Mother and Dad.

DORRITY—In ever-loving memory of Bobbie, who died 23rd December, 1923. "We thank our God upon every remembrance of him." Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, Lena and Cecil.

DUNCAN—First Anniversary—In loving memory of dear father, who passed away on December 22nd, 1923.

GATER—In ever-loving memory of my dear wife, Amy Isabel, who passed away December 21, 1921. "With Christ, which is far better."

McGAHIE—In most loving memory of my dear father, Rev. Hugh McGahie, who entered into rest December 22nd, 1920. "He giveth His beloved sleep." Inserted by his ever-loving daughter, Mrs. Fred. Anderson, 994 Handcock street, Brooklyn, New York.

MELDRUM—In affectionate remembrance of James William (Jim), son of Cosmo and the late Mrs. Meldrum, Sligo, passed away December 22nd, 1922. "Peace, perfect peace."

O'BYRNE—In loving memory of my dear wife, Elizabeth Mary O'Byrne, who died on 22nd December, 1923. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on her soul.

'Phone—276. 'Phone—276.
NICHOLS'
FUNERAL AND CARRIAGE ESTABLISHMENT, Lombard street (Westland Row). Coffins, Hearses, and Every Requisite. Economy and Punctuality.

FUNERAL REQUISITES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
WALLER,
49 and 50 DENZILLE STREET (Merrion Square).
SALOON MOTOR HEARSE.
Private Mortuary.
'Phone—131. Wires—"Undertaker, Dublin."

MILLER AND CO. BRAY.
FUNERAL Directors and SANITATION Specialists.
'Phone—Bray 117. Wires—"Collier, Bray."

COALS.
COALS.
WALLACE BROS., LTD.
THIS DAY'S PRICES.
BEST ORRELL ..... 52/- Per Ton.
BEST WIGAN ..... 49/- Per Ton.
BEST KITCHEN ..... 46/- Per Ton.
BEST SCOTCH HOUSE .... 42/- Per Ton.
Delivered in the City.
Special discount of 2/- per ton if cash paid with order.
Small additional charges are made for delivery beyond old City Boundary, or on quantities of less than one ton
23 WESTMORELAND STREET.
Telegrams—"Wallace, Dublin." Telephone—2999 and 3000.

ECONOMICAL GIFTS
that are always acceptable

Dainty Embroidered Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, half-dozen, in fancy box, 2/6
Other qualities, 1/11, 2/11, 3/6, 5/11, 4/6, 6/11.
Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, pretty embroidery, in quarter-dozen fancy boxes, 2/6, 3/6, 5/11.
Boxed in half-dozens, 4/11, 5/11, 6/11, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, to 18/6.

Irish Embroidered Afternoon Tea Cloth, as sketch, 36" square, 4/11.
Beautiful Embroidery, in fine quality of Irish Linen, three special numbers, 14/11, 12/11, 9/11.
Irish Embroidered Bedspreads, Shamrock design and drawn thread work, Double Bed size. Only Special Offer. Worth 35/-. Price 23/6.

Irish Embroidered Nightdress Cases, in a variety of beautiful designs. Also lace trimmed and insertion, 3/11.
Irish Embroidered and Hemstitched Tray Cloths, in several dainty designs, each, 1/11½.
Irish Damask Table Cloths, super quality, size 2 x 2½, 16/6. 3 x 3 yards, 12/11. Serviette to match, half-dozen, 8/11.
Duchesse Sets, handsome Guipure Lace edge and two motifs in centre, 9/11½.
Post Orders, 10/- post free, per return post.

FORREST & SONS, LTD.
Linen House, 9 Wicklow St. Dublin

MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED by City Firm of Solicitors and Land Agents, competent Accountant and Cashier, with a thorough knowledge of Land Agency Work, including preparation and furnishing of Rentals, keeping of Estate Accounts, and a working knowledge of Income Tax. Reply with copy testimonials, stating experience, age, and salary expected, D 1568, this office.

MONKSTOWN HOSPITAL, CO. DUBLIN.
SUBSCRIBERS are earnestly asked to forward their subscriptions as soon as possible. Accounts close 31st December. Funds urgently needed. Donations gladly received.

ADELAIDE HOSPITAL.
CHRISTMAS Tree Entertainment for Poor Children attending Out Patients' Department. Sister Adams appeals for Toys, Cakes, etc.; also Clothing for Children and Parcels.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
WM. HOGG and CO., LTD., Cope street, Dublin, inform their customers that their Offices and Warehouses will be closed from 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 24th instant, till Monday morning, 29th instant.

THE JEWELLERS AND SILVERSMITHS' MASTERS' ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND.
It has been decided to close all front shops on Saturday, the 27th of December.

MESSRS. DAVIS and CO., 45 Grafton street, beg to announce that their premises will be closed from Wednesday evening, 24th, to Monday morning, 29th inst.

MARBLE CHIMNEY PIECES.
FOR SALE, two large Marble Chimney Pieces, one varied Irish, suitable for library, board, or club rooms. To be seen at Messrs Maguire and Gatchell's, Dawson street, Dublin.

ARMISTICE DAY CALENDARS—Price 1/- each. Send Orders by post at once to Superintendent, Leonardstown Park Hospital, Stillorgan.
Also on Sale at Greene's Library, Pim Bros., Hely's, Eason's, Kapp and Peterson, Tyson Howes.

"TAMILESE." the Tea for Flavour. Packed ¼, ½, ¼, and 1lb Packets. Ask for it.

FURNITURE AUCTIONS CONDUCTED—James H. North and Co., Auctioneers, Grafton street. Established 1829.

JOHN C. PARKES and Sons, Ltd., DUBLIN. Cycles, Cycle and Motor Accessories, Motor Oils.

BROOKS, THOMAS, AND CO., LTD., DUBLIN. CONTRACTORS' TOOLS. NAVVY BARROWS, STEEL PICKS, SLEDGES, SCAFFOLD LASHES, SHOVELS.

ELVERY and CO., LTD
WE MAKE CART COVERS.
ELEPHANT HOUSE, DUBLIN, CORK, & LONDON.

VALUATIONS OF FURNITURE, HOUSE Property, etc., made for Probate and all purposes—James H. North and Co., Valuers, Grafton street.

ANNE LYNCH'S TEAS

STAINLESS KNIVES, Unequalled Quality. Keep Sharp. 31/6 dozen.—BOOTH BROTHERS, DUBLIN.

V. AND R. PEMBERTON, Builders, CHURCH ROAD, BALLYBRACK.

BIBLES, HYMN BOOKS, DEVOTIONAL AND MISSIONARY BOOKS.
Can be had at The Dublin Bible Depôt, 10 D'Olier street.

GOWNS, HATS, Etc.
CONTINUATION SALE on TO-DAY (MONDAY), 22nd December, commencing at 2 o'clock. Madam Alice has kindly lent her Showrooms, 18 Stephen's Green, for above Sale to MRS. MORTON JACKSON.

NOVEL TABLE CENTRES for Xmas. Miniature Gardens, last for months, 25/- to 50/-. Large selection at DRUMMOND'S, DAWSON STREET, DUBLIN.

REPRODUCTIONS of Old English Brass Ware make choice Xmas Gifts. A large Selection at Thompson's, 12 Nassau street.

PORCELAIN ENAMELLED BATHS.
And all Plumbers' Materials.
DOCKRELL LIMITED, DUBLIN.

MOIRA RESTAURANT,
TRINITY STREET (COLLEGE GREEN), Two minutes from Trinity College.
Charcoal Grill.
P. NUGENT, Proprietor.

THOS. HENSHAW and CO. LIMITED. STOVES, RANGES, GRATES
3-12 CHRISTCHURCH PLACE. Works—Clonskea.

CARSON'S LIQUID PAINTS.—Write for Colour-Card and Prices.—Carson's, 22 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin.

INCOME TAX Recovered, Returns Filled, Super-Tax Statements prepared.—J. C. WALKER, Expert, 30 Nassau street. 'Phone—1585.

DIAMOND Cluster Bangle, fine quality, for Sale at KELLY'S, 48 FLEET STREET. Back of Bank.

ANTHRACITE STOVES.
CHEAPEST, CLEANEST, AND MOST ECONOMICAL TO USE.
DOCKRELL LIMITED, DUBLIN.

INFORMATION thankfully received by Joseph Hoey of whereabouts of his mother, Harriette (now McGee), and of his sister, Monica, last heard of 1914, then living Whitehall, Dublin. Address "Z 119, Information," this office.

Wireless for Xmas
There is no better gift than a good Wireless Set. We have Marconi 2-Valve Sets at £16/14/6 complete. Special 2-Valve Sets, complete with all accessories and fully guaranteed, £7/15/0.
Grafton Stores, Grafton Street, Dublin

JOHNSTON'S
UMBRELLA PRESENTS.
BUY DIRECT FROM THE MAKERS.
THE FINEST SELECTION IN DUBLIN TO CHOOSE FROM. EVERY UMBRELLA JOHNSTON MAKE.
EXCLUSIVE DESIGNS IN ALL NEWEST MODES.
Unequalled Value at all Prices.
An Unrivalled Selection of WALKING STICKS AND CANES, With Gold, Silver, Horn and Ivory Mounts. Also Un mounted
(Only Address, Blackthorn House)
38 NASSAU ST.
UMBRELLAS

FOR Repairs to any make of Car, Mechanical or Horse-drawn, try JOHN HUTTON & SONS, Ltd. Summerhill, Dublin.

WOLSELEY 14/22 h.p. Four-seater, price £283, plus freight. On View GRAFTON MOTOR CO., 43 Grafton street, Dublin.

OUR MECHANICS handle nothing but FORDS and fit nothing but GENUINE FORD PARTS. Result—Genuine FORD Service. AUTOCARS IRELAND, Ltd., 19 Chatham st., Dublin. Authorized Ford & Fordson Dealers.

MORRIS One Ton Trucks, price £185.—G. A. BRITTAIN, LTD., Hatch street, Dublin.

THERE'S always a Ford Fleet ready for instant delivery at R. W. ARCHER and CO., 65 Lower Mount street, Dublin—the Pioneers.

STANDARD CARS, from £244.—Agents: R. W. ARCHER and CO., 65 Lr. Mount St., Dublin.

ALBION Motor Lorries, 25 cwt. to 4-ton reds.—H. A. Pender, Thomas's lane, Up. O'Connell st.

ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITAL, DUBLIN
In addition to the Main Hospital in James's street, the Governors have Branch Establishments at St. Edmondsbury, Lucan, standing in a Demesne of 200 acres, and provided with every facility for the Curative Treatment of Mental Cases.
The Mansion at St. Edmondsbury has been adapted for the treatment of Ladies, and a Villa specially built to accommodate a limited number of Gentlemen.
Urgent Cases can be admitted to the Hospital on application to the Medical Superintendent.
For further particulars, Forms, etc., apply to THE REGISTRAR, St. Patrick's Hospital, James's street, Dublin.

"MERRY XMAS."
LINCOLN and NOLAN, LTD., 57 and 58 Lr. Baggot St., DUBLIN.

GRANDY'S.
GENTLEMEN'S PRESENTS.
DRESSING GOWNS, GLOVES, SHIRTS, PYJAMAS, POPLIN TIES, MUFFLERS, UMBRELLAS, &c.
Our "Ready Cash System" enables us to sell at very LOWEST PRICES.
GRANDY, STEPHEN'S GREEN.
GRANDY'S.

ANDREWS & CO. (Dublin), Ltd.
DAME STREET,
DUBLIN.
Importers and Bottlers Finest Wines

Ports, Tawny and Full Body - - 60/- to 90/- dozen
Sherries, Pale or Golden - - 54/- „ 72/- „
Clarets, Choice Wines - - - 36/- „ 84/- „
Champagnes, all Leading Brands
Sole Proprietors
C.O.M.
WHISKY.
Wine List on Application.

XMAS HOLIDAYS.
LEVERETT & FRYE, LTD.,
HEAD OFFICE AND DUBLIN BRANCHES,
WILL CLOSE
ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY,
25TH, 26TH, AND 27TH DECEMBER,
AND WILL APPRECIATE THE PLACING OF ORDERS EARLY.

TODD BURNS & CO LTD
FOR
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
GLOVES
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Fur Gloves, also Fur-lined, Wool-lined, Reindeer, Mocha, Suede and Washable Chamois, made up in fancy boxes, at popular prices.
Exceptional Value in Dolls and Toys.
47 MARY STREET, DUBLIN.

LMS
LONDON MIDLAND AND SCOTTISH RAILWAY
Christmas Holiday Arrangements
Via HOLYHEAD
FROM DUBLIN (via Dun Laoghaire, Mail Route):—
On Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, and Wednesday, Dec. 24th } Excursion Tickets by Day or Night Service.
FROM BELFAST, Etc. (via Greenore):—
On Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 22 & 23 } Excursion Tickets from Belfast.
On Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 23 & 24 } Excursion Tickets from Newry, Dundalk, and Greenore.
Tickets will be available for Return on any sailing day within 15 days (including date of forward journey).
Special Notice to Passengers from Dublin.
On Tuesday, December 23rd, a Special Train will Leave Dublin (Westland Row) at 7.45 p.m., and a Special Mail Steamer will sail from Dun Laoghaire Pier at 8.15 p.m. Excursion Passengers MUST travel by this service.
For Particulars of Fares, etc., see small bills.
Tickets and full information may be obtained at L.M.S. Offices:—15 Westmoreland Street, Dublin; 12 Royal Avenue, Belfast; Thos. Cook and Son, 118 Grafton Street, Dublin; Royal Avenue, Belfast.
H. G. BURGESS, General Manager.

"LIBERTY" YULETIDE GIFTS.
CHOICE AND INEXPENSIVE.
PIM BROTHERS, LTD.,
EXCHEQUER ST., DUBLIN.

TODD, BURNS & CO., LTD.
EXTENSIVE
HOUSE FURNISHING STORES.
UNIQUE VARIETY.
BEDROOM & DRAWINGROOM SUITES
AT MODERATE PRICES.
MARY STREET, DUBLIN.

MONEY
LENT BY POST, FROM £30 TO £5,000, On Note of Hand Alone, Without Security, To Ladies or Gentlemen. Strictly private. No charge whatever if Loan is not granted.
Apply SECRETARY, 12 SOUTH LEINSTER STREET, DUBLIN. THE CITY AND COUNTY PRIVATE FINANCE CO., LTD.,

"Harmony in dress, not to be obtained without an effort, is a signal of completeness. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred efficiency is not in the carelessly-dressed man. The vanity of the old tweed and baggy trousers comes partly from dilatoriness, partly from a sense of peace. The other kind of vanity is more likely to mark a man who is going to get things done."
—Frank Dilnot, in "The Tatler," 10/12/24.

Dinner Suits Ready to Wear from £6 15/-; Tailored to Order from 10 Gns.
Lounge Suits to Order from 8 Gns.
Lounge Suits Ready for Wear, 4 to 7 Gns.
THOMPSONS,
TAILORS for Three Generations, 8 Westmoreland street.

IRISH CIVIL SERVICE BUILDING SOCIETY
(Open to the General Public),
25 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.
LOANS GRANTED TO ASSIST IN BUILDING OR PURCHASING HOUSES IN DUBLIN AND SUBURBS.
TOTAL ASSETS, £260,000.
Deposits received at the following rates of Interest:—
At Call ..... 2½ per cent. per annum.
For One Year ..... 3½ „ „ „
For Three Years ..... 4 „ „ „
ALL FREE OF INCOME TAX.
For Prospectus and all information apply to ALFRED H. MERCER, Secretary.

RAILWAYS.
GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY.
ADDITIONAL PASSENGER TRAIN.
On MONDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1924, the 7.45 a.m. Longford to Mullingar will run as on other week days, to connect with the Train for Dublin, which will not leave Mullingar until 9.0 a.m., and will run 45 minutes' later to Dublin.
M. F. KEOGH, General Manager.

EVENTS IN IRELAND are fully summarised in the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES," with Illustrations. Price Twopence.

FOR all Your Xmas Supplies

FINDLATER'S
DUBLIN and BRANCHES

SHIPPING.

FRENCH LINE. C.G.T.
PLYMOUTH DIRECT TO NEW YORK.
"The Route that cuts off the Corner."
The Largest and Fastest Steamer This Week-end. PARIS .....December 27
PLYMOUTH TO WEST INDIES, TRINIDAD, SPANISH MAIN, and PANAMA.
MACORIS ....Jan. 6 Pellerin de Latouche..Feb. 3
Winter Cruises to the West Indies and Spanish Main—45 days' voyage—at inclusive cost of under 38/- per day.
Cie Gen. Transatlantique, Ltd., 22 Pall Mall, S.W. 1.

UNITED AMERICAN LINES
(HARRIMAN LINE).
Joint Service with
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE
Express Passenger Service from COBH TO NEW YORK AND HALIFAX.
Westphalia ....Jan. 11 | Mount Clay ....Feb. 8
Thuringia ....Jan. 25 | Westphalia ....Feb. 22
COBH TO HAMBURG.
Mount Clay....Jan. 24 | Thuringia ....Feb. 21
Westphalia ....Feb. 7 | Mount Clay ....Mar. 7
Affording Ideal Conditions for Ocean Travel.
Apply to WM. H. MULLER and Co. (LONDON), Ltd., Cobh (Queenstown); Greener House, 66-68 Haymarket, London, S.W.1. And all principal Passenger Agents.

BUGSIER LINE.
WEEKLY SAILINGS
HAMBURG
TO
CORK, DUBLIN & BELFAST.
Agent at Dublin:
A. MAGENIS, 9 BURGH QUAY.

SEA TRIPS AND TOURS.

ALPINE SPORTS, LIMITED.
Chairman—SIR HENRY LUNN, M.D.
BEST HOTELS, BRITISH CLIENTELE & CONTROL
MALOJA (Engadine) Palace ..... 300 beds
"The finest Hotel in Switzerland."
MORGINS (Valais)..Grand Hotel ..... 180 beds
MURREN .....Palace Hotel des Alpes 250 beds
„ .....Eiger ..... 95 beds
„ .....Regina ..... 80 beds
PONTRESINA .....Schloss ..... 250 beds
„ .....Roseg ..... 250 beds
„ .....Parc ..... 130 beds
WENGEN .....Belvedere Hotel ..... 140 beds
Secretary, 5 Pitt., Endsleigh Gardens, London, N.W.1
Or Hewett's, 15 D'Olier street, Dublin.

RIVIERA & SWISS SPORTS.
Sleepers and Seat Tickets should be booked now for Christmas and New Year travelling.
LARGE SELECTION OF CRUISES, TOURS TO ROME AND THE HOLY LAND. We can supply Tickets for all Steamships and Railways. Agents for the International Sleeping Car Co., Sir Henry Lunn, Polytechnic, etc.
HEWETT'S TOURS,
D'OLIER STREET, DUBLIN.

XMAS GIFTS.
Dainty Underwear.
Camisoles, Fancy Shetland.....3/11, 4/11
Do., Artificial Silk.....1/11, 3/11, 4/11
Cami Knickers, Jap Schappe...10/11, 16/11
Nightgowns, Jap Schappe.....16/11, 21/9
Boudoir Caps, Crepe-de-Chine.
Dressing Jackets, All Wool.....5/11, 10/11
Underskirts, Princess, all kinds.
Slippers, Bedroom 2/6, 3/11, 5/11
Pyjamas, all kinds, all shapes.
Hand-made French Sets of Underwear.
Vests, Artificial Silk.....4/11, 5/11, 8/11
„ Milanese 8/11, 12/11, 16/11
Knickers, Artificial Silk...4/11, 5/11, 7/11
„ Milanese ...12/11, 16/11, 18/11
Nightgown, Artificial Silk.....23/6, 25/11
Do., Dainty Shetland 12/6, 23/6
NEWELL'S,
76 GRAFTON STREET.

This list will help you
to make definite decisions about GIFTS. Just fill in names opposite the particular items you fancy—and cut this out
Seales will do the rest.

NAME	NATURE OF GIFT	PRICE
FATHER	Dressing Gown	From 42/6
	Pull-over or Wool Jacket	From 17/6
	Handkerchiefs—Silk, etc.	Various
	Gloves PLAIN FUR-LINED FUR-BACKED	From 6/6 to 6 Gns.
	Velvet Smoking Jacket	From 4 Gns.
	Attache Case	From 15/6
	Silk Scarf	From 8/9 to 55/-
	Pyjama Suit	From 18/6
	Socks or Golf Hose	From 2/9 to 25/6
	Umbrella or Walking Cane	Various
	Boy's Dinner Suit	From 97/6
	Box of Braces & Garters	9/6
	Ready-for Service Suit	From 5 Gns.
	Raincoat or Overcoat	From 3 Gns.
	TIE PRESS (3/6)—TIES ..... TROUSERS PRESS (30/-)	From 3/9

Complete School Outfits for Boys

E. AND W.
SEALE
LIMITED.
97, 98, 99 GRAFTON ST., DUBLIN for
Gifts of Good Taste.

WIRELESS.—How to get a distant Station? See the "Weekly Irish Times." On Sale To-day. Price Twopence.

EVENTS IN IRELAND are fully summarised in the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES," with Illustrations. Price Twopence.

ROVER

"The most interesting design of the year"

is how "The Autocar" described the new 14/45 h.p. Rover—the wonderful car that was the sensation of the Motor Show.

THE ROVER CO. Ltd. Lord Edward St. Dublin. Telegrams—"Rover." Telephone—1060.

THE GOOD OLD SPORT.

DADDY TO DAUGHTERS (Twins):

"If you two pippins will cut out dances and pictures for three months I'll get you a MORRIS Car—then we can all enjoy ourselves together."

CHORUS—

"Done, Daddy!—it's a bet. You're an Old Sport."

MORRIS-COWLEYS From £212.
MORRIS-OXFORDS From £296.

AGENTS:

G. A. BRITTAIN, LTD., HATCH STREET, DUBLIN

Motor Matters, Bicycles &c.

MOTOR CARS.

A—NEW Calcotts, 10-15 h.p., from £295; 12-24 h.p. 4 Seater, £450; duty free Dublin.—Wallen, Trinity street Garage. T

AT Woods', Westland Row—B.S.A. Cars fitted with Daimler engines. T

LINCOLN AND NOLAN, LTD.,
57 and 58 LOWER BAGGOT STREET.
BUICK .... CHEVROLET
OAKLAND .... SUNBEAM
"Where service and value meet." T

BEFORE DECIDING ON YOUR NEW CAR
TAKE A RUN IN A
RHODE.
2 AND 4 SEATERS, 1925 MODELS, IN STOCK.
F.S. Concessionaire: A. PERCY HUET. } 206 Gt. Brunswick st.
Dublin Agents: KEATING AND LUNDY.

CONSIDERALBE REDUCTIONS IN PRICES OF
8 H.P. AND 9/20 H.P. ROVER CARS.
8 H.P. MODEL, 2 or 4 Seater, from £139.
9/20 H.P. MODEL, 2 or 4 Seater, from £175. (Delivery ex Works.)
THE ROVER CO. LIMITED,
16 LORD EDWARD STREET, DUBLIN. T

SUNBEAM AND ANSALDO CARS,
And Spare Parts.
T. J. ROGERS, 42-5 SOUTH KING ST., DUBLIN. 2 T

SINGER AND HILLMAN CARS.
Sole Agent:
BUCKLEYS MOTORS, LTD.,
34 LOWER ABBEY STREET, DUBLIN. T

E. J. SHANNON and CO., BELGROVE ROAD GARAGE, CLONTARF, DUBLIN—Luxurious Cars (Open or Closed) for Hire by Day or Night. Garage open Day and Night. 'Phone—Clontarf 125. REPAIRS AND REPAINTING. Any Make of Car Supplied. X

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.
Special Comprehensive Policy at very much reduced ratings can now be arranged. Also Purchase of Motor Vehicles on the instalment system.
Apply
FRANK GIBSON-LLOYD and CO., LTD.,
30 Anglesea street,
DUBLIN X

A 1923 Austin Seven for Sale, £100; any trial; bargain.—Sanderson and Sons, Dominick street. 19 C

BEDFORD Buick 6 Cylinder 2 Seater and Dickey, dynamo and starter, £85; Ford 1920 5 Seater, £45; Ford 1922 5 Seater, £55; Kingsbury Junior 2 Seater, £50; Swift 2 Seater Twin, 1914, £30; Alldays Enfield 2 Seater, wanting repairs, £25.—Fitzgerald, 128 Stephen's Green. 17 A

ESSEX Four Cylinder Touring Car for Sale; new condition; sell cheap. Address "Z 117, Essex," this office. 19 A

FOR all Motor Body Work and Painting.—The City Wheel and Carriage Works, Ltd., Great Brunswick street, Dublin. 10 T

FOR Sale, late 1923 Two Seater Morris Cowley Car, in splendid condition; price £150. Can be seen by appointment at Carton's Garage, Newtownbarry. 20 C

GRAY Five Seater Touring Car for Sale, 1924 model, 20 h.p., electric light, self starter; guaranteed perfect order; any trial; price £150 for quick sale; seen by appointment. Address "Z 94, Motor," this office. 19 F

MOTOR CARS CONTINUED.

G. N. 1921 Model, electric lighting, for Sale, in perfect running order; no reasonable offer refused; inspection and trial invited.—O'Gorman Bros., Ltd., Clonmel. 18 A

MORRIS Cowley Occasional Four, 1924 Model, in exceptional condition.—G. A. Brittain, Ltd., Hatch street, Dublin. 19 C

OVERLAND Model 81 Four Seater, good order, electric lighting and starting, £90. Seen 3 North George's street. 19 A

ROVER 8 H.P. 1923 Model De Luxe; seen Dublin; perfect; trial.—D 1543, this office. 19 A

SUNBEAM 14.40 Tourer, 1922 model; Moon Tourer, also Humber Tourer; cheap.—T. J. Rogers, 42/5 South King street, Dublin. 17 A

SPORTS Maxwell 1924, privately owned, excellent condition, best offer. Address "Z 97, Maxwell," this office. 18 B

VULCAN 14 H.P. Four Seater, hood, acetylene lamps, new tyres; in exceptionally good going order. Seen 16 Lower Fitzwilliam street. 20 F

17/25 ARMSTRONG Whitworth roomy 6 Seater, guaranteed perfect condition, detachable wheels, latest Zenith carburetter; excellent hire car; consider Exchange Light Car, with adjustment either way. Address "Z 4989, Car," this office. 8 13

1924 FORD, Touring Model (July); price reasonable. Apply Abbey View, Rathfarnham. 19 A

MOTOR CYCLES.

A1 NEW 1925 Models—Sunbeams, New Imperials, P. and M., including the famous Panther and Panther Cub Models. Some bargains in 1924 Models. Inspection invited.—Wayte Bros., Ltd., Lemon street, Grafton street. T

AT Woods', Westland Row—B.S.A. Motor Cycles (four stroke), from 38 guineas. T

A. J.S., Triumph and New Gerrard, from £52 15/-.—Wallen, Trinity street Garage. T

ADVANCES on Motor Bikes, Cars, Jewels.—Gorman, Pawnbroker, Winetavern street (opposite Four Courts); new garage. T

TRIUMPH MOTOR CYCLES.
Latest Models in Stock.
ANDREW J. DOYLE,
Triumph Agent and Engineer,
51 SOUTH KING STREET,
DUBLIN. 26 27

CHATER Lea as good as ever—1925 Models from stock.—Tanham's Garage, 5 Denzille place. 24 4

MOTOR Cycle, spring frame, 2½ Villiers engine, electric light, in perfect order; cost £65 in 1922, lowest price £28.—R O 1435, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 19 C

TRIUMPH, 499 C.C., 1922; perfect condition; many new parts; £45.—D 1542, this office. 19 A

LORRIES, VANS, MOTOR AND STEAM HAULAGE.

COMMER Cars create confidence, more business.—Co. Wicklow Garage and Motor Touring Co., Bray. T

FORD Ton Truck, 1920, superior condition, £55.—Fitzgerald, 128 Stephen's Green. 17 A

TON Lorries and Vans for Hire, deliveries, etc.; moderate.—Garage, 10 Lad lane, Baggot street.

15 CWT. Ford Lorry, new last August; hardly used. Address "Z106, Lorry," this office. 19 C

BICYCLES.

A1 PEDAL Cycles by easy payments. Come and see them—Centaurs from £7, also Sunbeams, Sparkbrooks, B.S.A. Cycle Repairs specially catered for.—Wayte Bros., Ltd., Lemon street. 'Phone 2010. T

A BICYCLE for Christmas—Rudge-Whitworth Standards from £7, Aero Specials from £9 7/6, Juveniles £6 10/-; seasonable Gifts. See our large stock. Catalogues free.—1 Stephen's Green. 8 16

LADY'S Cycle, traveller's sample, £4 18/-; sacrifice. 47 Upper Mountpleasant avenue, Rathmines.

RALEIGHS, Humbers, extraordinary value.—Price Brothers, Chatham street (immediately off Grafton street). 12 20

CHAUFFEURS, MECHANICS.

WANTED.

WANTED, Chauffeur; light duties, and to wait at table and clean silver; Protestant, single; to live in house; must be thoroughly trustworthy, sober, and handy, and have experience in driving motor car (Humber); quiet country place.—R. de la Poer Beresford, Learmount Park, Londonderry. 16 A

CHAUFFEURS CONTINUED.

WANTED.

WANTED, a good Motor Mechanic, able to undertake complete overhauling and repairs of all kinds for lorries or cars, various makes; a fair electrical knowledge also necessary; permanent employment for suitable applicant with Milling Firm in South of Ireland. Address, with copies of testimonials, stating salary expected, "Z 113, Mechanic," this office. 19 B

GREAT CARE IS TAKEN THAT ADVERTISEMENTS IN ALL PARTS OF THIS PAPER APPEAR CORRECTLY; BUT NO LIABILITY IS UNDERTAKEN FOR ANY ERROR IN OR OMISSION OF ANY ADVERTISEMENT, AND THE PROPRIETORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO OMIT OR ALTER ANY ADVERTISEMENT, NO MATTER WHERE OR BY WHOM ACCEPTED.

SCALE OF CHARGES FOR SMALL CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

(PREPAID).

12 words or under, 1/-

Every succeeding word, One Penny.

4 consecutive insertions FOR price of 3
(This concession does not apply to advertisements set in display form or placed contrary to our classification.)

Box Office address counts as three words if replies are to be called for at Head Office, or, if they are to be sent by post, or called for at any Branch Office, as four words. Postage extra.

Advertisements not prepaid are charged at a minimum of 3/- per insertion.

Publication of these advertisements is not guaranteed on any particular day.

TRADE AND "MATRIMONIAL" ADVERTISEMENTS IN THESE COLUMNS 1/- PER LINE. SITUATIONS VACANT.

ORIGINAL testimonials should not be enclosed with replies to advertisements.

(23/9/'24)

IRISH TIMES, LTD.,
WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.
Telephone Nos. — 5036, 5037.
BRANCH OFFICES—
BELFAST—139 Royal Avenue .... 'Phone 1767.
CORK—33 Marlborough Street .... 'Phone 655.
LONDON—59 Fleet Street, E.C.4 ...... Central 4350.
MANCHESTER—24 Market Place .... City 3084.
GLASGOW—54 Gordon Street .... Central 54.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND, Lady's Bag, 17th inst., Dame street.—"Bag," Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown.

LOST, Friday evening, in Henry street, Black Glove, white fur lined. Reward at 26 Clare street.

LOST, Saturday, 20th December, small Purse, with wristlet watch and ring, probably at Dalkey; reward.—Miss Moore, Newsagent, 63 Charlemont street, Dublin.

LOST, vicinity of Upper Rathmines, Black and White Wire Haired Fox Terrier, 7 months, answers to name "Cæsar"; police notified. Reward, 15 Belgrave road, Rathmines. 21 B

LOST, 18th November, Lady's Gold Watch, monogram on back, Donnybrook or Upper Baggot street; £2 reward.—Carahor, Shrewsbury road. 21 D

SITUATIONS VACANT.

URBAN COUNTY DISTRICT OF BALLYMENA.
NEW TOWN HALL.
CLERK OF WORKS WANTED.

The Urban District Council invite applications for the position of Clerk of Works for the above.

Applicants should be members of the Clerk of Works' Association.

Applicants to state their experience and submit copies of testimonials from Architects, and give list of the Works on which they have acted as Clerk of Works. A thorough knowledge of reinforced concrete work is absolutely necessary.

Applicants to state salary per week expected.

Preference will be given to an ex-Service Man if fully qualified.

Applications will be received by the undersigned up to and including Thursday, the 1st January, 1925.

The Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment.

By Order,
HENRY O'HARA,
Clerk of Council.
Council Office, Ballymena,
3rd December, 1924.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.
PROFESSORSHIP OF OBSTETRICS.

The Senate of the University of Sydney invites application for the Professorship of Obstetrics in the University, the salary attached to which is £1,100 per annum. £150 will be allowed for travelling expenses from the British Isles. The Professor will be expected to enter on his duties as soon as possible after the beginning of March next. A memorandum giving fuller particulars of the appointment may be obtained on request to the Agent-General for New South Wales, Australia House, Strand, London, W.C. 2, who will receive applications for the position until Saturday, 24th January, 1925.

Applications (for which there is no special form) should be in quintuplicate, and if testimonials are submitted with the application they should be in quintuplicate also, but original testimonials should not be sent by applicants.

CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL.
ENGINE DRIVER REQUIRED.

Applications are invited for the position of Engine Driver. Wages 50/- per week. Apply, giving copies of references and full particulars of experience, to—
H. O'REILLY, County Surveyor,
CAVAN.
19th December, 1924.

A VACANCY in large Commercial City Establishment for a Junior Clerk. Apply in own handwriting, giving full particulars, D 1597, this office. 19 C

SITUATIONS CONTINUED.

COUNTY DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.
KILMAINHAM COURTHOUSE.

The Committee duly appointed by the County Council will proceed to appoint a Caretaker for the Courthouse of Kilmainham at their meeting to be held on the 6th day of January, 1925.

Applications will be received by the undersigned, at his offices, on or before the 2nd day of January, 1925, at 12 noon, from whom all particulars can be obtained.

Canvassing strictly prohibited.
By Order,
SEAMUS UA LAOIDHLEIS,
An Runaidhe.
11 Parnell Square, Dublin,
22nd day of December, 1924.

ASSISTANTS, Retail Sweets, only Ladies experienced; better class business.—17 Capel street. 17 A

ALL Pupils of Skerry's Commercial School, 10 Harcourt street, Dublin, on attaining the required standard of proficiency in Shorthand and Typewriting are assisted to situations. X

HOUSEKEEPER (Gentlewoman) Wanted for country place, South; three maids kept; fond of country life; send copies references, stating age, experience, salary expected; Church of Ireland preferred. Address "Z 99, Housekeeper," this office. 19 C

REQUIRED for Girls' Intermediate Boarding School, Assistant Matron (I.C.); £50 per annum, board, lodging and laundry. Address "Z 72, Matron," this office. 17 A

START a Business in Drapery, etc., from £1 upwards. Special attention to widows and beginners. Sure living. Write for advice and list, H. Levaine (Dept. C), 143 Houndsditch, London, E. 1. X

TYPIST required for occasional evening work in city office.—D 1618, this office. X

USEFUL Help or General—Wanted, steady, smart Girl; Protestant preferred.—Thompson, Castle, Borris-in-Ossory. 17 A

WANTED, a capable young Man to take complete charge of an Agricultural, Vegetable and General Seed Business in a large provincial town; must have good experience and understand every branch of the seed business. Address, stating salary and send copies of references, "Z 92, Man," this office. 18 A

WELL educated young Lady, of good address, required, introduce new Food Product, by shop demonstrations.—D 1612, this office.

WANTED, young General as Useful Help, to assist another with housework; good home. Apply 25 Terenure Park, after 3 o'clock.

MONEY, PARTNERSHIPS, ETC.

A LOAN from £10 upwards can be had; reasonable interest, long terms; Dublin only.—D 409, this office. 78 18

ADVANCES on War Loans, Stocks, Shares; Pension Vouchers cashed.—A. Elkinson, 48 Aungier street. 26 11

CASH Advanced on Endowment Policies, Stocks, Shares, Pension Vouchers, Property, War Loan; strictly confidential.—D 1042, this office. 12 9

EX-MILITARY and R.I.C. Pension Vouchers Cashed without delay at 32 South Frederick street, Dublin. T

EXPERIENCED Managing Director with £1,000, also Secretary Wanted, with £500; exceptional terms.—D 1576, this office. 19 A

LOANS—The Commercial Union Loan and Discount Co. Ltd., 57 Middle Abbey street, Dublin, grant Loans. Apply to Manager. 26 25

LOANS for Christmas; shopkeepers and private individuals; £3 to £100, without security.—D 115, this office. 9 15

LADY, starting Dairy and Poultry Farm, Co. Wicklow, desires Partner, sleeping or active; £500 capital. Address "Z 42, Dairy," this office. 8 15

LOANS advanced on own note of hand, city or country. Call or write, W. Watson, 3 Hawkins street, Dublin. 12 19

£5 TO £500 Advanced privately on approved personal security of borrower at an extremely low rate of interest; loan can be repaid by small instalments to suit. Call or write for particulars. S. Freeman and Co., 1 Garfield street, Belfast. 26 2

£1,000 WANTED on good securities, head rents, house property, farm, Co. Dublin.—D 1578, this office. 19 C

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS, OFFICIALS, SERVANTS, ETC.

POSITIONS VACANT.

HOTEL—Head Waiter, Porter, Page, Waitress, Still-room Maid.—Brophy's, 34 Lower Abbey street.

REPRESENTATIVES WANTED.

AGENT Wanted—Manufacturers of Leather and Fibre Travelling Goods require first class Traveller, calling on retailers for Free State; only those who can command sound business and can submit undeniable references need apply. Address "Z 130, Traveller," this office.

FLOUR Traveller Wanted for Dublin by large port mill manufacturing highest grades bakery and shop flours; state age and experience.—D 1541, this office. 18 B

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS.

BOOKKEEPER and General Assistant Wanted by Dublin Solicitor; state experience, reference, salary expected.—D 1572, this office. 19 C

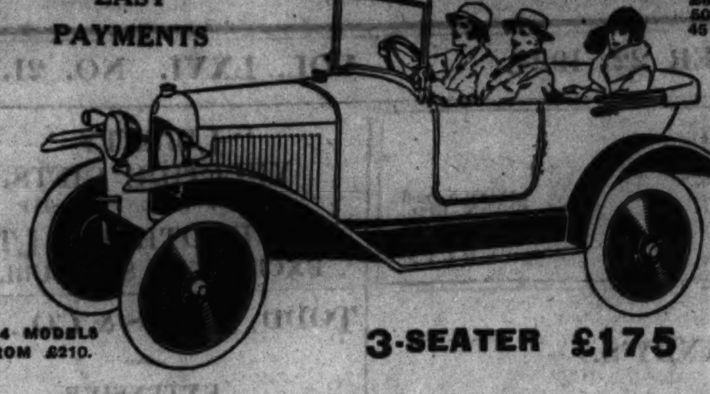
CAPABLE Solicitor can get surplus work in Dublin office on agency terms.—D 1525, this office. 18 B

COMPETENT Law Clerk wanted, Probate Business, general office work. Apply, with copies discharges, D 1583, this office. 18 B

WANTED, young Solicitor (Protestant), Assistant to City Office, with a view to partnership; one who could introduce business preferred; good opening. Apply D 1511, this office. 18 B

CITROËN

EASY PAYMENTS



7.5 H.P. £8 TAX. 50 M.P.G. 45 M.P.H.

11.4 MODELS FROM £210.

3-SEATER £175

Miniature 4-Seater Citroen Mechanical Toys, 12/6. Post Free, 13/-.

McENTAGART Bros., 10 Leinster Street, Dublin

The Chrysler Six

BEFORE you can fully appreciate the Chrysler-Six you must have the Car out on the road. A show-room inspection will give you an impression that the Chrysler is something unusual in motor cars. A trial run will convince you beyond all question.

You will be amazed at the comfort of the Chrysler-Six—at the completeness of its equipment — at the power, flexibility and economy of its engine. Prices from £575.

F. M. SUMMERFIELD, LTD.,

Maxwell House, 138 Lr. Baggot St., Dublin

Wires—"Carmen." 'Phone 2064.

K.A.A.

1925 MODELS. EASY PAYMENTS.

CROSSLEY

14 H.P. 45 M.P.G. 50 M.P.H. FROM £415

On view, the New Models with Front Wheel Brakes.

Can we send you New Catalogue.

McENTAGART BROS. 10 LEINSTER ST. DUBLIN.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

INCORPORATED DENTAL HOSPITAL OF IRELAND.

The Board of Governors require the services of Qualified Gentlemen to fill the following appointments—
2 HOUSE SURGEONS.
2 ASSISTANT HOUSE SURGEONS.
HOUSE ANÆSTHETIST.
2 INSTRUCTORS.

Applications to be forwarded on or before the 30th December, 1924, to—
GEORGE SHEPPARD, Hon. Secretary.

APPRENTICE Wanted in first class Pharmacy, Co. Kildare; indoor; R.C.; fee. Address "Z 114, Apprentice," this office. 19 B

DENTAL Student requires Mechanics with qualified Dentist; state lowest fee; must be moderate.—D 1586, this office. 19 A

ELASTIC Stockings, 5/6; Knee Caps, 3/6; Anklets, 3/6, best seamless quality; Rupture Trusses, Hot Water Bottles, etc.; catalogue.—Blake's Medical Stores, 20 Fownes' street, off Dame street, Dublin. 24 17

MEDICAL—Assistant Wanted, outdoor, for Country Medical Hall, early in January; replies state age, experience, reference, and salary expected. Address "Z 64, Assistant," this office. 17 A

TRAINED Nurse, afternoons free, would visit patient daily.—D 1534, this office. 18 B

TUITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

ALL Professional and University Prelims, Oral and Correspondence. Success lists free.—McGUIRE'S COLLEGE, Sackville street, Dublin. T

DISENGAGED January 26th, Visiting Governess, I.C.; experienced; highest testimonials.—D 1524, this office. 18 B

LADY desires post in January, school or family; experienced junior teacher; usual subjects, music, games. Address "Z 123, Teacher," this office. 20 B

SHORTHAND, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, etc.—Metropolitan College (Gillespie's), 100 Lower Mount street. 'Phone, 3055. T

SHORTHAND, Typewriting and Bookkeeping Individual teaching.—24 South Frederick street. 'Phone, Dublin 3754. X

GOVERNESSES AND TUTORS WANTED.

AGENT FOR GOVERNESSES AND SCHOOLS. Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton st., Dublin. Advises Parents and Managers. Tel. No. 5258. T

FANCY Dancing—Teacher (lady) Wanted for children's Classes; state terms.—D 1605, this office.

PRINCIPAL Teacher Wanted immediately (J.A.M. might suit) for small Church of Ireland School under National Board. Particulars from Rev. J. Robinson, Old Leighlin Rectory, Co. Carlow. 20 F

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

EX-CIVIL Servant desires position as Caretaker or any Position of Trust; city or suburbs; highest recommendations. Address "Z 118, Caretaker," this office. 20 B

EXPERIENCED Shorthand (100) Typist, Bookkeeping, desires position; references; small salary; interviewed Saturday next. Address "Z 121, Typist," this office. 20 B

LADY, eight years' experience, wishes spare time employment as Shorthand Typist and Accountant; highest references.—D 1560, this office. 19 C

RESPECTABLE Farmer's Daughter desires position as Shorthand Typist; no experience; highest references.—D 1595, this office. 20 B

SHORTHAND Typist, experienced, seeks position; thoroughly competent; very good references; small salary, progressive.—D 1356, this office. 15 A

STEADY, reliable Girl wants situation as Housekeeper, business house, city; highest references.—D 1587, this office. 19 C

MALE SERVANTS DISENGAGED.

RESPECTABLE married Man, R.C., seeks situation as General Man, or would Care Outfarm; highest references. Address "Z 51, Man," this office. 17 A

TWO good Trappers seek Trapping by the 1st January. Apply to M. Nolan, Fairwood, Tinahely. 19 A

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS DISENGAGED.

GENTLEMAN seeks any outdoor Employment; experience farm and garden; not afraid of work; excellent references. Address "Z 65, Steward," this office. 16 A

GARDENER or General Man—Clergyman recommends very respectable man, thoroughly qualified Gardener; handy and capable at all work; Wife help washing, etc.—Mellifont Rectory, Drogheda.

LAND Steward disengaged, thoroughly acquainted with all branches, buying and selling, etc.; excellent testimonials. Address "Z 116, Steward," this office.

WORKING Steward wants employment, disengaged 1st January; all classes farm work, etc.—Charles Fielding, Corville, Roscrea. 20 B

DOMESTICS WANTED.

POULTRY, Meath—Reliable Girl or Boy Wanted, gentleman's family, assist indoor, out; good milker; another kept same duties. Address "Z 120, Girl," this office. 20 F

WANTED, Working Housekeeper or Trained General; cooking.—"Occupier," 41 Merville place, Dun Laoghaire. 19 A

YOUNG Betweenmaid or Housemaid Wanted immediately. Apply 38 Merrion square.

VACANCIES FOR SERVANTS.

There are many vacancies in the REGISTRY of the "Irish Times" for all classes of Trained and Untrained Servants. Good wages offered. No fees charged. MATRON can recommend comfortable Houses where Servants can stay while waiting for situations. T

COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS WANTED.

COOK General and House Parlourmaid required about 20th January; must be experienced; three in family; gas cooker; gardener does boots, coals, etc.; 25 miles from London; good wages. Photos and all particulars to Mrs. Sers, Arbor Grove, Chertsey, Surrey. 19 C

WANTED for County Carlow, early in January, good Cook General; R.C.; experienced; family three; state age, wages expected; send copies. Address "Z 58, Cook General," this office. 17 A

WANTED for Foxrock, early January or before, two experienced Girls, as Cook General and House Parlourmaid; must have good references; good wages to suitable applicants. Apply D 1527, this office. 18 B

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.

WANTED, Cook General (Protestant); some experience; small washing; £30. Apply Barron, Maryville, Knockbreda Park, Belfast.

WANTED, middle aged Cook General; small dairy; send copies discharges, state wages expected; two in family.—Mrs. Hughes, Ballinakill, Leix. 20 C

WANTED immediately, after Christmas, Cook General; must be good plain cook; small washing; some fowl; country town; state wages; send copies.—Mrs. Cumisky, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. 20 F

GENERALS WANTED.

GENERAL Servant Wanted for small family; four miles from city; long discharges essential.—D 1614, this office. 20 B

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED.

REQUIRED, experienced young Housemaid; single-handed, small house, country; Parlourmaid kept; wages, £30 to £35. Address "Z 82, Housemaid," this office. 17 B

NURSES WANTED.

AGENT for NURSES, MAIDS and ATTENDANTS. Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton street, Dublin. Interviews daily. Tel. No. 5258. T

AFTER Xmas.—Young Nurse (R.C.), entire charge three children, 6, 4, 2½; send copies references, state age, wages, etc.—Mrs. Counihan, Frances street, Kilrush, Co. Clare.

NURSE—Wanted, early January, refined young Girl, take charge two boys, 6 and 4 years; city; enclose copies references.—D 1619, this office.

WANTED, Co. Dublin, 1st January, capable Nurse, baby 10 months; baby's wash and nursery; age 20-30; used to country. Reply, copy reference, "Z 64, Nurse," this office. 16 A

YOUNG country girl wanted to go as Nurse Housemaid; uniform supplied; small flat; comfortable home.—6 Merrion Row, Stephen's Green, Dublin. 18 B

KITCHEN, LAUNDRY, ETC., WANTED.

WANTED, good Kitchenmaid; good wages to a reliable, honest person. Address "Z 128, Kitchenmaid," this office. 20 F

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED.

AT Kennedy's, 68 Sackville st.—Cooks, up to £70; Generals, £30; Kitchenmaids, £30.

SERVANTS' REGISTRY.
HOURS: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Servants. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Ladies. Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
31 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN. T

COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS DISENGAGED.

COOK, Plain, disengaged, seeks situation; city, suburbs; highly recommended.—D 1594, this office.

COOK General or General; plain cooking; city; highly recommended.—D 1593, this office.

THREE experienced Maids wish situations together, Cook Housekeeper, Parlourmaid, and Housemaid; seven years' present place; excellent references; disengaged second week in January. Address "Z 122," Cook," this office.

VERY good Cook, go Cook General, disengaged January 15th; good papers; wages £36; suburbs.—Cook, 67 Leinster road, Rathmines. 19 A

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS DISENGAGED.

YOUNG House Sewingmaid seeks situation; highly recommended.—D 1611, this office.

NURSES DISENGAGED.

EXPERIENCED Nurse, disengaged; long reference; age 28, R.C.; wages £36 to £40; needlewoman. Address "Z 109, Nurse," this office. 19 A

KITCHEN, LAUNDRY, ETC., DISENGAGED.

YOUNG Girl wishes to be trained as Kitchenmaid has a little experience; can be recommended. Address "Z 129, Kitchenmaid," this office. 20 B

MACHINERY.

BALATA Belting, Shafting, Pulleys, Pedestals, Pumps, Saw Benches, Motors, Lathes, Drilling Machines, anything in Machinery; low prices.—M'Coy and Sons, Ltd., Belfast. X

BELTING—Leather, double and single, 1" to 8"; Balata, 1" to 9"; Round Leather and Gut Bands; also Fasteners and Laces of every variety; immense stock; competitive prices.—Booth Brothers, Dublin. X

ELECTRIC Motor required on hire, two or more weeks, 10 h.p., 3 phase, 950 revs.—D 1613, this office. 20 F

FOR Sale, 10 Ton Steam Roller, with Van, Scarifier and Water Cart.—D 1522, this office. 18 B

INTERNATIONAL Tractor, secondhand, in excellent condition, for Sale. Full particulars from Duthie Large and Co., Athy. 20 C

JUBILEE Side Tip Wagons, 20 and 24in. gauge; Turntables, Points and Crossings, etc.—Joseph Thompson and Co., 290 Vauxhall road, Liverpool. 19 A

TANKS and Cisterns, various sizes, new and second-hand.—Joseph Thompson and Co., 290 Vauxhall road, Liverpool. 19 A

UNSOLD at Auction—8 h.p. "Burrell" Tractor, 2 Portable Steam Engines and Boilers, new Saw Dust and Wood Refuse Furnaces for portable or semi-portable boilers; all above will be sold at very low prices to avoid second removal cost.—Thomas Archer, New Wapping street, North Wall, Dublin. 17 A

UNSOLD at Auction—New "Eureka" Spindle Moulder, new Fret Sawing Machine, secondhand Planing and Moulding Machine, new Rack Bench, 18ft. Table, will take 5ft. saw; 42" Circular Saw Bench, roller feed, by McDowell. All the above will be sold at very low prices to avoid cost of removal. Thomas Archer, New Wapping street, North Wall, Dublin. 17 A

WANTED, Gas Engine and Suction Plant, about 100/150 horse power, with Dynamo; state makers' names and numbers. Address "Z 102, Engine," this office. 19 C

60 CIRCULAR Saws Sell cheap; Saws Set and Sharpened, Gulleted, Hammered, Brazed.—Byrne's, Drury street, Dublin. 27 T

TIMBER.

IF you are looking for Spokes, Felloes, or Stocks for Wheels, Wheel Barrows, Sawn Shafts or Handles, write Manager, Lissadell, Sligo. T

Diamond Cross-over £22 10 0
Diamond Cluster, £5
Diamond & Sapphire Scroll - - £4
Diamond and Ruby Cluster - - £15
Selected Diamonds £50
Perfectly Cut Diamonds - £8 0 0 upwards.

Diamond Rings

Write for Illustrated Booklets and Ring Size Card.

Private Rooms for Selection.

Only Three Days to Go—

and our Establishments are crowded. As Christmas draws nearer they will become more congested, selection more difficult — SHOP EARLY! To-day is the time to make your choice. Now, when you may make a leisurely inspection of the 3,000 exquisite designs in Gem Rings, that comprise our extensive stock. Our Assistants can give you their full attention to-day, later—there will be that last-minute rush.

We accept Old Gold, Jewellery, etc., in part payment for new articles. We are Opening all day on Wednesday, 24th Dec.

R. McDOWELL & CO. LTD.

14 High Street & 68 Ann Street (Phone 2116) Belfast

SPECIFIC ARTICLES.

AT KELLY'S, 48 FLEET STREET, Engagement Rings—A magnificent Selection of Secondhand Single Stone, Two, Three, Five Stone Gipsy, Marquise, and Cluster Rings, set with Diamonds, Emeralds, Rubies, Sapphires and Pearls, etc., of the finest quality, brilliancy, and colour. T

BEST Pure Sweets, free by post, 2 lbs. 4/-, 4 lbs. 7/6; direct from manufacturers.—The Sweeteries, 17 Capel street, Dublin. 13 15

BED or Couch Covers, 90 per cent pure silk, 52" x 74", weight 1lb. 12ozs., 17/6 each; artistic stripes, blue or red ground; send P.O.—Mr. C., 139 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. 18 B

BILLIARD Table for Sale, 6 ft. x 3.—D 1617, this office. 20 B

BACON Slicing Machines—New Straight Cut Model ready.—Booth Brothers, Engineers, Dublin. 22 X

CHEAPEST China, Crockery, Lump Cups, Scrs., Plates, etc., 5d. and 9d. doz., all round. 1,000 articles £2 16/-. Crates: Seconds from £2. Monster Lists and 30 page Guide, "How to Sell," Free to all.—ISLINGTON POTTERY, Manufacturers, LONGTON, Staffs.

DOLL'S Pram, cost £5, Sell £1 5/-.—159, Irish Times Branch Office, Ranelagh.

FOR Sale, Child's Wheelbarrow, practically new; ideal Xmas. gift; 10/-.—D 1559, this office. 19 A

FOR Sale, Yost Typewriter (No. 10 Visible); in good condition. Apply Dock Mill, Barrow street. 19 A

FOR Sale, two Fairy Cycles, as new; seen, 7 to 8, evenings; no dealers.—Porter, 41 Upper Mount street. 19 A

GLASS Showcase for Sale, ten by seven feet high, cost £17; take half or reasonable offer.—2 Townsend street. 17 A

GENT'S Solid Gold Wristlet Watch, fully jewelled, new, cost £8 10/-, sell £4; also Lady's, £2 5/-; immediate purchasers.—D 1552, this office. 19 C

HOME Cinema (Butchers) for Sale, perfect condition, for standard size films; will give 6 foot picture; with screen, everything complete. Apply 11 Walworth road, S.C. road, Dublin. 18 B

LARGE Toy Pony and Trap (new), cost four guineas. Sell three, or nearest offer.—26 Northumberland road. 18 B

SACKS, Rick Covers, Waterproof Covers for Sale or Hire on best terms.—Coleman's, 25, 26 and 27 Chancery street, Dublin. T

TYPEWRITERS—Oliver £5, £8, £10, guaranteed; Yost £2 10/- and £12.—Booth Brothers, Stephen street, Dublin. 18 4

WIRELESS BROADCASTING, ETC.

ALL Models Radiax Wireless Sets and Accessories in stock.—Pitmans, Electrical Engineers (Est. 1884), 16 Crow street, Dublin. T

WIRELESS Battery Charging Station—E. J. Shannon and Co., Belgrove road Garage, Clontarf. T

SPECIFIC ARTICLES WANTED.

ANTIQUE Silver Cups, Candlesticks, Salvers, Sugar Bowls, etc.; also Diamond Ornaments. Precious Stones and Old Gold; highest prices given.—West and Son, Grafton House, Grafton street. T

ANY quantity Rabbit Skins Wanted; highest prices.—Freedman, 22 Merchant's quay, Dublin. 26 24

DIAMONDS, Old Gold, Antique Silver, Miniatures, etc., Purchased for cash.—Edmond Johnson, Ltd., 94 Grafton street. T

FEATHER BEDS WANTED.
Highest prices given. Will send to examine in city.
IRISH FEATHER CO., LTD., TARA ST., Dublin.
IRISH FIRM. 'Phone, 661. T

GOODMAN'S pay more than anybody else; old False Teeth, 2/- a tooth on metal plates, up to 14/- vulcanite sets.—7 East Parade, Leeds. 12 15

WANTED to Purchase, Pictures, by J. P. Haverty, R.H.A., and by Old Masters. Particulars to A. L. Nicholson, 4 St. Alban's Place, London, S.W.1. 20 X

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOR Sale, B.S.A. Standard 12 bore Gun, as new. Seen at Keegan's, Inns quay. 17 B

GUN Repairs of every kind and description executed on the premises by skilled Gunsmiths; moderate charges.—Keegan, Gunmaker, Inns quay, Dublin. 12 13

GUNS—Webley and Scott's unrivalled Shot Guns, also all other makes; Nobel's and Remington Cartridges; Gun Accessories; catalogues free.—Keegan, Gunmaker, Inns quay, Dublin. 12 13

GUNS Repaired; careful and skilful work; moderate charges; Gun lists free.—Garnett, Gunmaker, Crampton Court, Dublin (opposite Dublin Castle). 16 T

RABBIT Nets, Plover Nets, Hare Nets, Snaring Wire, Snares, Ferret Muzzles, Bags, Bells, etc.; lists free.—Keegan, Gunmaker, Inns quay, Dublin. 12 13

SHOOTING—Procure your Guns, Cartridges, and Shooting and Netting requirements from Garnett's; Agents for Vickers and B.S.A. Guns and Rifles; lists free.—Garnett, Gunmaker, Crampton Court, Dublin (opposite Dublin Castle). 16 T

GARDEN, FARM, BEES, ETC.

ALL Owners of Gardens to ensure best results should Sow Drummond's specially tested Vegetable and Flower Seeds; awarded over 1,000 First Prizes.—W. Drummond and Sons, 57 and 58 Dawson street. T

ALL should inspect Drummond's Large and Varied Stock of Unique Christmas Presents in their new special showroom, 58 Dawson street. 11 12

ALL Certified Stocks, Duke of York, Sharpe's Express, Epicure, Arran Comrade, Kerr's Pink, and other Seed Potatoes at Drummond's, 58 Dawson street. 11 12

A LARGE display of Palms, Aspidistras, Asparagus Ferns, Azaleas, Cyclamen, and other Flowering Plants; Bulbs in Ornamental Bowls, etc.—Drummond's, 58 Dawson street. 11 12

A BEAUTIFUL selection of Prize Flowering Bulbs in Artistic Bowls, very suitable Christmas Presents, prices 3/9, 10/6.—M. Rowan and Co., Seed, Bulb and Plant Merchants, 51, 52 Capel street, Dublin. 17 A

BRADSHAW, Artane, and 15 Parliament street—Holly Wreaths and Crosses made to order; also Artificial Wreaths, Plants, Palms, etc., at moderate prices; Christmas Trees, all sizes, to order. Inspection invited. 19 C

BOX Edging, from 1 to 5ft; cheap to clear.—M 119, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 19 A

EARLY Flowering Tulips now being disposed of at extra special prices; particulars free.—Rowan's, Seed, Bulb and Plant Merchants, 51, 52 Capel street, Dublin. 17 A

FLOWERING and Green Plants for Xmas Decoration—Nice selection at Rowan's, Seed, Bulb and Plant Merchants, 51 Capel street, Dublin. 17 A

OUR First Grade Hyacinth Bulbs will now be cleared at special prices, as follows—Top size, for glasses or pots, 4d. each; quality selection, in named sorts, for pots or bowls, 2/- dozen, postage extra.—Rowan's, Seed, Bulb and Plant Merchants, 51, 52 Capel street, Dublin. 17 A

RHUBARB Roots, splendid Early variety, 1/- each.—Rowan's, Seed, Bulb and Plant Merchants, 51, 52 Capel street, Dublin. 17 A

RASPBERRIES, strong Fruiting Canes, 8/6 per 100, carr. paid.—Riggs, Glendooen, Letterkenny. 20 F

POULTRY, CAGE BIRDS, DAIRY.

BANTAMS—Birchens, Old English Game, White Rocks; enclose stamp.—Ballycanew Rectory, Gorey. 19 A

COCKERELS, young, from noted winter layers, for Sale, cheap.—D 1497, this office. 17 A

CHRISTMAS Presents—That live Cook Canary and Fancy Cage, 30/-; Pet Mice, 1/-; Pet Rabbits, 2/6; Parrot and Cage from 40/-; Pet Monkeys; Goldfish, 6d., 9d., 1/-, 1/6 each; Globes from 1/-.—The Fancier's Stores, 15 Upper Ormond quay, Dublin. 16 B

COCKERELS—Pedigree Leghorns, Rhode, and Ancona Cocks, 10/6 to 30/-; Pullets, 1923; two Wyandottes, three Anconas, £2.—Fairyhill, Blackrock. 14 B

CLUCKING Hen for Sale, 10/-.—Newbrook House, Rathfarnham.

FISH, Game, Poultry, Ice—Baltimore Stores, Cork; deliveries post, rail; established 1880. T

HOT Buttered Eggs, 10 to 20 dozen weekly.—Miss Auchmuty, Curraduff, Kiltoom, Athlone. 19 A

LARGE Fat Geese, 8/6 and 9/6 each; Turkeys, from 14/6 to 25/- each; Roasting Fowls, 7/- and 7/6 pair; Boiling Fowls, 6/- pair; trussed, post paid.—Mahony, Poultry Farm, Cahirbeg, Rosscarbery.

MINORCA Cock, fine bird, £1; Japanese Dressing Gown, suit theatricals.—366, Irish Times Branch Office, Blackrock.

MINORCA Cockerels, April hatched (Hunter's), 10/6 each.—Sutton, Bridge, Kilternan.—D 1596, this office. 20 B

NEW Laid Eggs, 3/9 dozen.—Mrs. Coubrough, Templeogue Lodge, Templeogue, Co. Dublin.

SALE, good fat Drakes, for table. 'Phone, Ballsbridge 2. 17 A

TURKEYS, pure white Austrian Cockerels and Pullets; splendid stock birds.—33 Botanic avenue, Glasnevin. 18 B

WHITE Leghorn Cockerels, 1924, Barron strain, 10/- each.—Yew Park, Castle avenue, Clontarf. 17 A

WIDE-AWAKE Poultry Keepers easily make 15/- profit from each Hen in year feeding Karswood Poultry spice, packets 7½d.; Karswood Meal, 3lbs. 1/-. Postage extra.—Crawford and Sons, 31 Talbot street, Dublin. 17 A

MUSIC, PIANOS, ETC.

AT Gill's, for Pianos by Bechstein, Blüthner, Steinway, Broadwood, Knauss, Kappler, Rönisch, Derwent, Marsoll, Atkin and Atkin, Schiedmayer, Erard, Schreder, Collard, Berthold, Gors and Kallmann, Lessels, etc., from £35; worth inspection.

AT Gill's, 14 and 15 Nassau street, have your Piano Repaired and Tuned by experienced Workmen; estimates; numerous unsolicited testimonials. 'Phone, 6284. 18 D

COTTAGE Piano for Sale, Brooklyn, perfect condition, iron frame, handsome case; price moderate.—D 1615, this office.

HOTELS AND HEALTH RESORTS.

MORAN'S HOTEL,
DUBLIN.
RE-OPENED.
BUSINESS AS USUAL.
Telephone—No. 914. F. A. MORAN, Proprietor.

FOUR COURTS HOTEL,
INNS QUAY, DUBLIN.
100 BEDROOMS, with hot and cold water. Lounges, Tea Rooms, Restaurant.
Table d'Hote Luncheon, 1 to 3 o'clock, 2/-.
Table d'Hote Dinner, 6 to 8 o'clock, 4/-.
Wedding Dejeuners a Speciality.
FREE GARAGE.
BUICK SALOON CAR FOR HIRE.
'Phones, 5321, 5322. H. G. KILBEY,
Wires, "Excel, Dublin." Managing Director.

THE HOTEL MacDERMOTT,
HARCOURT STREET.
Bright, Comfortable Rooms. Best Food and Wines. Moderate Terms. Open to Non-Residents. Proprietress—A. MacDERMOTT, late Grand, Greystones, and Gresham, Dublin.
Telegrams—"Exclusive." 'Phone—51414.

WHEN YOU'RE IN DUBLIN STAY AT
FLEMING'S HOTEL,
31-32 GARDINER'S PLACE.
Central. Moderate. Convenient.
'Phone—325. Wires—"Elite, Dublin."

MARINE HOTEL, SUTTON.
15 Minutes from Dublin.
Delightfully situated in private grounds, facing South and commanding extensive views of mountain and marine scenery. Appointed on the most approved lines for comfort and convenience.
Portmarnock, Sutton, and Dollymount Links adjacent to Hotel. Terms on application.

AVENUE HOTEL,
KINGSTOWN. 'PHONE 77.
SPECIAL TERMS CHRISTMAS WEEK.
Open to Non-Residents.

BRAY HEAD HOTEL,
BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.
Beautifully situated, with unrivalled sea and coast views; sunny aspect. Home comforts. Excellent Cuisine.
Golf, Tennis, Boating.
TARIFF ON APPLICATION.

CLYDAGH HOTEL.
GREYSTONES.
Now Booking for Xmas and New Year. Dancing, Concert, Whist Drives. Open to non-Residents.

GLENDALOUGH,
CO. WICKLOW.
THE ROYAL HOTEL.
SPEND AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS AT GLENDALOUGH.
Hotel Motor meets Trains by appointment.
'Phone—Glendalough No. 2.

GLENGARRIFF.
FINEST WINTER HEALTH RESORT IN EUROPE.
Eccles Hotel, from its sheltered position and salubrious and mild climate, is strongly recommended by eminent Physicians. The temperature being higher in Winter than any other place.
SHOOTING, GOLF, FISHING, ETC.
Apply MANAGER.
Telegrams—Eccles, Glengarriff.

ROYAL MARINE HOTEL,
Dún Laoghaire (KINGSTOWN).
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
LEOPARDSTOWN RACES, 3 GOLF LINKS.
DANCES FREE TO VISITORS.
ORCHESTRA.
Wire—"Comfort." Booklet
'Phone (3 lines) 180. on application.

SPEND A BRIGHT XMAS AT
ROSS'S HOTEL, LTD.,
DUN LAOGHAIRE (KINGSTOWN).
Xmas Eve, Whist Drive. Xmas Day, Afternoon Concert, Gala Dinner, Dancing and Games. Tables may be booked.
St. Stephen's Day, Gala Dinner and Fancy Dress Dance. Prizes for Best Fancy Dresses. Evening Dress Optional.
All Meals and Entertainments open to Non-Residents.
Telegrams—Ross's Hotel, Dun Laoghaire.
'Phone—195 and 196.

KINGSTOWN.
HOTEL CARLISLE.
Magnificently situated over East Pier, commanding beautiful views of Dublin Bay, Howth. Most Comfortable. Adjacent to Golf Links, Lounge and Billiard Rooms. One minute from Station, Mail Steamers, and Baths. Afternoon Teas served in Lounge or Gardens. Open to non-Residents. Tariff on application to the Manageress. 'Phone.—119.

ST. ANN'S HILL HYDRO.
HEALTH RESORT
Of singular charm and delightful surroundings. Mild winters. Central heating. Electric light. 60 Bedrooms 8 Public rooms. Excellent Cuisine. Home farm, dairy and gardens.
The BATHS and Medical department are a special feature. Skilled operators. Resident Physician.
Christmas and New Year's Festivities and Dances.
Golf Course near. Rough Shooting.
Fishing 1st February.
Reduced Winter Terms.
Combined Rail and Hydro. Coupons issued at Special Rates from Kingsbridge, Limerick, or Junction, Waterford and Tralee, on production of Voucher from Secretary, The Hydro, St. Ann's Hill, Co. Cork, from whom all further information can be obtained.

LONDON—DEAN HOTEL, 87 Oxford street. Most Central. Lift. Night Porter. Stockrooms. Bed, Breakfast, Bath, from 8/6. Telegrams: "Teldeanho," Westcent. 'Phone: Gerrard 8710.

LONDON—MORTON HOTEL, Russell square, W.C.—Comfortable and Central; French Chef, Night Porter. Inclusive terms, 12/6 daily, or 4 guineas weekly.

BOARDING AND HOTELS.

ATTRACTIVE Residence, Ray's, Fitzwilliam place. Every comfort and moderate charges. 'Phone, 4600. T

AT Mayfair Hotel, 30 Lower Baggot street, Dublin—Renowned excellent cuisine and comfort. 'Phone 3677. 26 1

AT Southern Hotel, 52 Lower Baggot street, Dublin—First class catering, cleanliness, and comfort for visitors. Residential terms moderate. Proprietress, Miss Sheehy. 20 1

HARROGATE—Cathcart House, private Hotel, facing stray, from 10/6 daily. 27 X

SOUTHPORT—Clifton, largest Unlicensed Hotel; near Pier and Links. Xmas amusements. Tel. "Marine." 'Phone 641. T

Xmas Gifts

Handkerchiefs Always Acceptable.

IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, very fine quality, beautifully embroidered and hemstitched. Size 12" x 12", in dainty decorated boxes of six 6/11
Postage 4d. extra.

DAINTY LACE TRIMMED HANDKERCHIEFS. Size 9" by 9", exquisitely embroidered in a number of different styles, and trimmed with various kinds of fine lace. Made from an exceptionally good quality Cambric, and packed in handsome boxes containing six handkerchiefs. Special Price 5/6
Postage 4d. extra.

The Grafton Stores, Grafton Street, Dublin.

MUSIC, ETC., CONTINUED.

BARGAINS in Everything Musical—Butler's, Monument House, are moving to larger premises, and selling off their splendid stock of Violins, Melodeons, Concertinas, Gramophones, Mandolines, etc.; choice specimens, chosen by an expert of 40 years standing; at stupendous reductions, in some cases two-thirds and half price. 9 15

GRAMOPHONE Stores, Johnston's Court, Grafton street, Dublin, for Winner Records and Machines. 7 T

GUITAR for Sale; good make. Address "Z 123, Guitar," this office.

GRAMOPHONES, latest model, cabinets, beautifully toned; play all records; astounding value. Apply Central Hotel Stock Rooms. 20 F

KEARNEY'S Gramophones and Records; catalogue free.—Kearney Brothers, 14 Capel street, Dublin.

LADY starting house would be glad to know of any person disposing of Piano.—D 1506, this office.

WANTED, Blüthner, Bechstein, or Schiedmayer Piano, or any good make; no dealers.—D 1507, this office. 18 D

FURNITURE.

AT Highest Value—James Hill and Son, Bachelor's Walk, Purchase Furniture, Pianos, Antiques. T

CHESTERFIELD and two large Divans, covered silk tapestry, for Sale; a bargain.—D 1484, this office. 16 A

CHESTERFIELD Suite, handsome covering, perfect condition, half price.—Kehoe, Alma, Rathmines Park. 18 D

LAWLOR, Briscoe will Buy or Sell your surplus Furniture. Auction every Thursday.—35 Ormond quay. T

MAGNIFICENT 4 foot and 6 foot Mahogany Bedroom Suites, Drawingroom and Chesterfield Suites, Sideboards, etc.; sacrifice; leaving.—D 1478, this office. 17 A

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12.

WATCHES
CLOCKS
GOLD BRACELET WATCHES,
CHIME CLOCKS,
JEWELLERY,
SILVER and ELECTRO PLATE

FRENGLEY BROS., LTD.,
5 CROW STREET
(Off Dame Street).
DUBLIN.

NEWELL'S
OPEN TILL 9 o'c
EACH EVENING.
76 Grafton Street, Dublin.

"IRISH TIMES" IN LONDON.

The "Irish Times" can be obtained at the following places from 6.30 p.m. on the day of publication:—
Bookstall on the Departure Platforms at Euston Station;
Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son's Bookstalls at—
Hotel Russell, Russell Sq.;
Strand Palace Hotel, Strand;
Regent Palace Hotel, Piccadilly Circus, W.;
Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych;
Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, S.W.;
The "Irish Times" London Office, 59 Fleet Street, E.C.4.

Ther
Orde

LO 2.—INFANTEES. In a number of different patterns. As sketch, 1/6 per pair.

P 6.—Glass PERFUME SPRAY. Coloured flower design. 4/11. Post 6d.

G 9.—Fur top, fur lined, best quality DEERSKIN GLOVES, 35/-, 45/- and 49/6.

TK. 8.—Solid Cowhide COLLAR BOXES. Hand-sewn, fastened with leather strap and buckle. 3 sizes, 6/6, 8/6 and 10/6. Post 6d.

Submarine
and other at

SWITZER

For C
Q
com
Idea
B.B.
Cha
Qua
Bol
Christm
Fru
Cak
Ha
Ha
Wm.
West
'Phone 591.

What Sh
SHO
EAS
And Solve the
Gifts that
Satis
At prices tha
GIFT
Ladies an
Girls
EASON &
Stationers, Far
Bookseller
40-41 Lr.

For
Lorgnettes
Louis Pattern,
Spring Front.
SOLID GOLD,
TORTOISE
Sight Testing
Daily
Whether Dixon
test the sight
oculist's prescri
is the same.
DIXON
HEMPE
12 SUFFOLK

BLOUS
Open Till 9
63 Grafton

There's Still Time to Order by Post from

Switzers

LO 2.—INFANTEES. In a number of different patterns. As sketch, 1/6 per pair.

Just time enough—but none to spare. Order by Post now from Switzers and your purchases will be delivered before Christmas.

LO 4.—Cosy White Wool BOOTEES, 1/11 per pair.

P 6.—Glass PERFUME SPRAY. Coloured flower design. 4/11. Post 6d.

SR 1.—Handsome veined and lace trimmed HANDKERCHIEF, pure linen, 1/9 each.

SR 2.—Dainty new block corner and veined roll hem HANDKERCHIEF, 1/9 each.

G 6.—Large variety fleece WOOLLEN GLOVES, striped and fancy gauntlet, 2/6, 3/11, 3/11, 4/11 and 5/11. As sketch, 3/11.

G 9.—Fur top, fur lined, best quality DEERSKIN GLOVES, 35/-, 45/- and 49/6.

SR 7.—Irish crochet-trimmed hand embroidered pure linen HANDKERCHIEF, 4/6 each.

SR. 8.—Charming lace-trimmed veined and block embroidered HANDKERCHIEF, 6/6 each.

LO 9.—Very useful WOOL SUIT (Coat, Breechette and Cap to match). In many charming colourings. Price complete, 39/6.

TK 12.—Solid Leather WRITING ATTACHE CASE. Saddler sewn, fitted inside with pockets for stationery, reliable locks and key. One size only, 16in., only 15/6. Post 1/-.

FL 32.—Leather POCKET WALLET. Pockets for cards, stamps, letters, notes, etc., also pocket book and pench. 10/6. 13/6, 17/6. Post 6d.

TK. 8.—Solid Cowhide COLLAR BOXES. Hand-sewn, fastened with leather strap and buckle. 3 sizes, 8/6, 8/6 and 10/6. Post 6d.

Ladies' Plain Hemstitched Crepe-de-Chine HANDKERCHIEFS, excellent quality, in all colours, 4/6 each.

P 8.—Dainty Coloured Glass PERFUME SPRAY. A useful gift. 4/11. Post 6d.

FL 35.—Gent.'s Pigskin TRAY PURSES. A very popular pattern. 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 and 6/6. Post 4d.

Submarine Trips to Neptune's Cave; Humpty Dumpty, and other attractions — 2nd Floor

SWITZER & CO., LTD., GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN

For Connoisseurs

QUALITY is the keynote of every article Bolton's sell. Quality and Service combine to make Wm. Bolton & Co.'s the Ideal Shopping Centre.

B.B. Bolton's "B.B." Whiskey is celebrated as a sound Whiskey of uniform goodness.

Champagnes, Wines and Liqueurs of Finest Qualities.

Bolton's "Combination Tea," wonderful value

Christmas Specialities

Fruit, Dried, Fresh and Crystallised.
Cakes, Confectionery, and Chocolates.
Hams, Bacon, Mincemeat. Christmas Hampers to order.

Wm. BOLTON & CO., DUBLIN

Westmoreland St., Rathmines, Baggot St.

'Phone 591. Telegrams: "Matared, Dublin."

What Shall I Give?

SHOP AT

EASON'S

And Solve the Problem of Finding

Gifts that Give Lasting Satisfaction

At prices that will please you.

GIFTS FOR

Ladies and Gentlemen, Girls and Boys

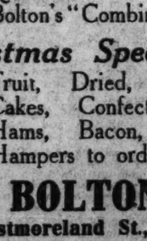
EASON & SON, Ltd.,

Stationers, Fancy Goods Dealers, Booksellers, Newsagents,

40-41 Lr. O'Connell St.

For Xmas.

Exclusive Designs.



Lorgnettes

Louis Pattern, Spring Front.

SOLID GOLD, SILVER, TORTOISESHELL.

Sight Testing Rooms Open Daily.

Whether Dixon & Hempenstall test the sight or fill your oculist's prescription the price is the same.

DIXON & HEMPENSTALL

12 SUFFOLK STREET, DUBLIN.

BLOUSE HOUSE

Open Till 9 Each Evening

63 Grafton Street, Dublin.

WOMAN AND HER HOME.

SOME DISHES FOR CHRISTMAS.

TO CHOOSE POULTRY.

When fresh, the eyes should be clear and not sunken, the feet limp and pliable. Stiff, dry feet are a sure indication that the bird has not been recently killed; and if the bird is plucked there should be no discolouration of the skin.

Fowls, when young, should have smooth legs and feet; a young cock bird has smooth legs and short spurs, young hens have smooth legs. The bones of all young birds are soft and gelatinous; they always harden with age. The end of the breast-bone when a bird is young is soft and pliable, when otherwise it may be accepted as sure evidence of advanced age.

The signs of an old fowl are its stiff, horny looking feet, long spurs, dark-coloured and hairy thighs, stiff beak and bones. Game fowls, and those with dark-coloured legs are better for roasting. White fowls, such as Dorkings, are better for boiling.

TURKEYS.

Turkeys, when young, have short spurs and smooth, dark legs; when the legs are pale or reddish and rough, and the spurs long these marks may be taken as sure indications of age. When freshly killed the eyes should be full and bright. The cock bird is usually selected for roasting, and the hen for boiling.

Geese and ducks, when young, have yellow feet and bills; as they grow old they become darker and reddish in colour. The feet of freshly killed geese and ducks are moist and soft; but, like those of fowls and turkeys, they become dry and stiff when they have been killed some time.

ROAST TURKEY.

Ingredients:—One turkey, one to two pounds of sausage meat, one to one and a half pounds of veal forcemeat, two or three slices of bacon, one pint of good gravy breadsauce, fat for roasting.

Method.—Prepare and truss the turkey. Fill the crop with sausage meat, and put the veal forcement inside the body of the bird. Skewer the bacon over the breast, baste well with hot fat, and roast in a moderate oven from one and three-quarters to two and a quarter hours, according to age and size of bird. Baste frequently and about 20 minutes before serving remove the bacon to allow the breast to brown. Remove the trussing strings, serve in a hot dish, and send the gravy and breadsauce to table in sauce boats.

VEAL FORCEMEAT.

Ingredients:—One-half pound lean veal, one-quarter pound of finely-chopped beef suet, two ounces fat bacon cut into fine strips, two tablespoonfuls freshly made breadcrumbs, one dessertspoonful of finely-chopped parsley, one-half teaspoonful finely-chopped onion, two eggs, salt and pepper, a pinch of ground mace, a pinch of nutmeg.

Method:—Pass the veal twice through the mincing machine, then pound it and the suet and bacon in the mortar, pass through a wire sieve, add the rest of the ingredients, season to taste and use.

BREAD SAUCE.

Ingredients.—Half pint milk, one tablespoonful cream, two ounces freshly-made breadcrumbs, quarter ounce butter, one very small peeled onion, one clove, salt and pepper.

Method.—Put the milk and onion, with the clove stuck in it, into a small saucepan and bring to the boil. Add the breadcrumbs, and simmer gently for 20 minutes, then remove the onion, add salt and pepper to taste, stir in the butter and cream, and serve.

GLAZED AND BUTTERED TONGUE.

Ingredients.—One ox tongue, melted glaze, blocks of aspic, chopped aspic, creamed butter.

Method.—Wash and soak the tongue—the time depending on how long it has been pickled. Boil gently, allowing 25 minutes to the pound and 25 minutes over. Carefully skin it so as not to break the tip, and shape on a board, placing a rolling pin underneath it to arch it nicely. Leave overnight. Trim off the root part, brush with glaze, decorate with creamed butter. Garnish with chopped aspic. Pin a frill round root.

ROAST DUCK.

Singe the duck and draw it. Cut off the wing bones at the first joint. Cut off the toes, then scald the skin and feet. Fold them on to the back of the bird. Fill the body with sage and onion stuffing; fasten in position by means of skewers.

Make a small slit in the skin at the apron and just catch the tip of the tail. Fix the bird in position by means of trussing needle and string, and catch the skin at the nape. Place in a tin with two ounces hot dripping, and roast one to two and a half hours, according to size. Baste frequently. Serve with thickened gravy. Garnish with water cress. Send apple sauce to table with the duck.

A goose is cooked and served in the same way.

SAGE AND ONION STUFFING.

Ingredients.—Four large onions, quarter pound breadcrumbs, one and a half ounces fat, one teaspoonful sage, salt, pepper, milk or egg to bind.

Method.—Parboil and chip the onions. Mix the ingredients together, season well, and bind with egg or milk. Use to stuff duck, goose, turkey or fowl.

APPLE SAUCE.

Ingredients.—Four good-sized apples, one tablespoonful water, one ounce butter, two tablespoonfuls moist sugar, clove (if liked), a squeeze lemon juice.

Method.—Pare, core and quarter the apples. Put them in a stewpan with the cold water and two tablespoonfuls moist sugar, and a clove (if liked). Simmer all together till the apples are in pulp; add butter (if liked). If the apples are very juicy, it will be necessary to boil very quickly, stirring well for five or six minutes to reduce the liquid. Add lemon juice, and beat well till smooth.

CUSTARD SAUCE FOR PLUM PUDDING.

Ingredients.—Half pint milk, one dessertspoonful sugar, little lemon rind or vanilla essence, two yolks of eggs.

Method.—Heat the milk with the lemon rind, and pour over the beaten yolks. Strain; add sugar. Stir till it thickens, and pour out instantly. Serve hot or cold.

N.B.—The same may be made with the yolks, and the whites, whipped stiffly, added after it thickens.

YULE CAKE.

Ingredients.—One pound flour, quarter pound butter, three-quarter pound sultanas, two ounces candied peel, quarter pound sugar, three-quarter ounce yeast, half teaspoonful salt, quarter nutmeg, half pint tepid milk, one egg.

Method.—Rub the butter into the warm flour. Add sugar and salt. Cream the yeast with a little sugar. Heat the milk and pour on to the beaten egg. Add it to the flour, also the creamed yeast. Knead well. Let it rise in a warm place from one to two hours. Add fruit. Knead well till smooth. Place in a greased cake tin. Let it rise well again. Bake in a fairly hot oven first, and a more moderate oven afterwards. Allow 50-60 minutes.

MUFFINS.

Ingredients.—One pound flour, one egg, one teaspoonful baking soda, one teaspoonful cream tartar, three ounces butter, two ounces sugar, buttermilk to mix.

Method.—Melt the butter. Beat the egg. Mix flour, sugar, soda and tartar; add butter, egg and milk. Make into soft dough with buttermilk, roll out half-inch thick, cut into rounds. Cook on griddle. Serve hot or cold.

CHOCOLATE CAKE.

Ingredients.—One cupful butter, two small eggs, one and a half cupfuls flour, two ounces chocolate (melted), one cupful sugar, half cupful milk, one and a half teaspoonfuls baking powder, and half teaspoonful vanilla.

Method.—Cream butter, add sugar gradually and yolks of eggs (well beaten), then whites of eggs beaten until stiff; add milk, flour mixed and sifted with baking powder, and mix thoroughly; then add chocolate and vanilla. Bake for three-quarters of an hour in a shallow cake tin.

RABBIT WITH TOMATOES.

Ingredients.—A nice young rabbit (cleaned and jointed neatly, and dried), two ounces bacon, two onions, one small tin tomatoes, one pint stock, one tablespoonful cornflour, a pinch of mace, a pinch of cloves, and salt and pepper to taste.

Cut the bacon in dice, and heat in a casserole, then put in the onion (sliced), the tomatoes, add the stock and bring to the boil; then add the cornflour, mixed to a cream with water, the seasonings and the rabbit. Cook gently until the rabbit is tender. Serve with boiled potatoes and macaroni.

FORCEMEATS.

CHESTNUT FORCEMEAT.

Ingredients.—Quarter pound chestnuts, two ounces beef suet (chopped), quarter pound breadcrumbs, three-quarter pound sausage meat, one dessertspoon thyme, quarter teaspoonful each of pepper and salt.

Method.—Score the chestnuts with a sharp knife, and put into a frying pan with half ounce of butter. Shake over the fire for two or three minutes, remove skin and peel. Pass them through a grating machine, add the other ingredients, and mix well together; season.

SAGE STUFFING.

Ingredients.—Three large Spanish onions, two ounces butter, one tablespoonful sage, pepper, salt, cayenne, half pound breadcrumbs, two yolks of eggs.

Method.—Skin, blanch and chop the onions; cook in the butter for fifteen minutes; add the sage, seasoning, breadcrumbs and eggs; mix well together. It can be baked in a pie dish and served with roast pork.

Practical Gifts of Children's Wear

Unsurpassed Value

Children's All-Wool Cardigans, to fit ages 3 to 6 years, from 4/6; and to fit 6 to 10 years from.... **5/11**

Children's Ribbed Wool Cardigans in better quality, sizes to fit from 3 to 12 years at prices from 15/11 to **9/11**

Children's Shackleton Sets (three pieces) in Brushed Wool, from 22/11 to 35/11, and in plain Wool from **15/11**

Babies' Dainty Frocks in Embroidered Voile, Silk, Crepe-de-Chine, and Cashmere, at prices from 21/- to **4/6**

Babies' Hand-made Wool Jackets, with coloured silk interwixed on Cuffs and Neck, at 6/11, 6/6, and **4/11**

Exceptional Value in White Fancy Wool and Silk Shawls at prices from 30/- to **12/11**

Babies' Overall Wool Sets (cap, overall and coat), at 18/11 14/11, and **12/11**

Babies' Rugs, "Otterburn" make, in Pure Wool. Colours: Cream, Sky, Grey, Saxe, and Rose, Each **13/11**

Girls' Useful House Overalls, in pretty colourings. All sizes from 20 ins. to 42 ins. Prices, according to size, from 1/11 to **5/6**

Boys' Good Quality Velveteen Tunic Suits, in Navy and Brown, to fit ages 2 to 4 years. Price **21/11**

Girls' Velveteen Frocks, in Brown, Saxe and Rust. Sizes 36 inches, 39 inches, and 42 inches. Prices from 16/11 to **21/-**

Children's Umbrellas, with crook and animal head handles at prices from 7/6 to **3/6**

Babies' Wool Frocks, Bootees, Infantees, and Overalls, and Shoes in Kid and Crepe-de-Chine stocked at lowest prices.

Girls' Smart Fur-trimmed Coats, 30 inches to 42 inches, at very keen prices.

The "Bunny Beaver" Children's Fur Felt Hat

(Millinery Department)

An Ideal Hat for Children, guaranteed real fur; will not shrink or spoil with rain; an all-the-year Hat, suitable for hard wear; in sizes 6½ to 7. Colours: Brown, Fawn, Beaver, Light and Dark Grey. Post Free. **12/11**

KELLETTS

George's Street and Exchequer Street, Dublin.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Lady's Gold Wristlet Watch, 15 jewel lever movement, on Moire Silk Band, from £3.

Gentleman's Wristlet Watch, 15 jewel lever movement, wide strap. Gold cases from £8 10s.; Silver cases from £3.

Gold Wristlet Watch, on "Britannia" expanding band, 15 jewel lever movement, from £5.

JEWELLER AND SILVERSMITH **W. STOKES,** 6 Westmoreland Street.

THREE KIDNAPPED MEN.

STORY IN POLICE COURT.

At the Dowra District Court, before Mr. Kenny, three men named Michael Mulligan, John Dolan, and Michael Geoghegan were charged with conspiracy in kidnapping and assaulting James A. Rynn, John Maguire and Michael J. Flynn, of the Ballinaglera and Dowra districts.

James A. Rynn told the Court how on the night of October 14 last he and Maguire and Flynn were kidnapped in their houses and carried off in a motor lorry by men who were armed with rifles. They were taken to a house at Altacullion, and charged with an offence which they denied. A man who is now serving a term of imprisonment charged them, but said later that they were innocent of the charge, and that they were only arrested for the purpose of getting at the right offenders. A masked man that they did not know acted as judge, but no court was held. They were detained under an armed guard at this house until the 15th October. While they were in bed they were informed that the military were coming. They were forced to leave by the rear while the house was under attack, and narrowly escaped the fire of the troops. They were brought through the bogs and fields, and lost their boots and stockings. They were taken across the country, and after three or four hours reached Corrabane, Ballinamore, at 5 o'clock a.m. on the 16th October, where they were left. Later the owner of the house, accompanied them to Edenderry. They met Michael Mulligan, of High street, Ballinamore, who informed them that they would be released next day, with or without trial. They were not released, however, and Mulligan with two others took them to an old bog house.

They were detained there until the following night, when at 12 o'clock they were removed to Fenagh, and from there to Gorvagh, Mohill. It was then 3 o'clock in the morning. That night a man from Arigna called and said that it was a shame to have them detained in that manner. Michael Geoghegan arrived, and the Arigna man demanded their release, but Mulligan refused without authority from headquarters. The Arigna man said that if they were not released he would take them by force, and Mulligan agreed them to let them go, provided that they came up for trial when called on. They were then allowed to go home.

Dolan and Geoghegan were returned for trial to the next Circuit Court in bails of £100 and two sureties of £50 each, and Mulligan was returned in custody.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

At the weekly meeting of the Governors of the Royal Irish Academy of Music, held at Westland Row, Dublin, Mr. James W. Drury, M.A., presided. The following were also present:—Commendatore M. Esposito, Mus.D., T.C.D.; Mr. J. E. Geoghegan, Miss S. Harrison, Mr. W. H. Brayden, O.B.E.; Mr. R. Warburton Rooke, Mus.B., T.C.D.; Mr. Dermod O'Brien, D.L., President, R.H.A.; Major A. Whewell, Mr. William Ireland, J.P.; Sir John Irwin, J.P.; Mr. F. Wynne, Mr. de C. Millar, Mr. Edmond Lupton, K.C.; and C. E. Grahame Harvey, Secretary.

Mr. Frank Warner was unanimously elected a member of the Royal Irish Academy of Music.

Examiners' reports on the annual examinations were read, and the following awards made:—

Organ—"Vandeleur Academy" Scholarship, Miss Lilian P. Reeves; "Coulson Academy" Scholarship, Mr. Richard J. Mayston; "Coulson" Exhibition, Miss Annie E. Gilbert.

Singing—"Vandeleur Academy" Scholarship, Miss Marion Dunne, Mr. Patrick Kirwan; "Vandeleur" Scholarship, Miss Ellen Clarke; "Begley" Prize, Miss Josephine Curran; "Robinson Memorial" Prize, Miss Marion Dunne; National Music, 1st prize, Mr. Harold Johnson and Miss Josephine Curran.

Harmony and Counterpoint—"Vandeleur Academy" Scholarship, Mr. Frank Harrison.

WHEN THE BAG WAS OPENED.

A struggle with a 24-foot python took place at the establishment of Mr. G. Bruce Chapman, live stock dealer, of Tottenham Court road, London.

The huge snake, which had just arrived from Singapore, was confined in a sack placed near an oven for warmth. On the other side of the stove was a similar sack, containing maize ready for baking, and an attendant, mistaking the sacks, accidentally opened the wrong one.

Just as the man was about to plunge in his hand the head of the python rose up from within, hissing loudly.

Fortunately, Mr. Antonio Bergeli, who brought the snake on the East, and is used to handling such monsters, was present. He seized the huge snake behind the head, whilst assistants grasped portions of the body. With their combined strength they were able to get the python head foremost back into the sack, which for some time afterwards heaved with the convulsions of the captive.

TENANTS OF FLATS.

RENT REDUCED FROM £300 TO £89.

Judge Dromgoole, sitting in the Dublin Circuit Court, decided a case of great importance to landlords and tenants of houses let in flats. Denis Byrne, John Ryan, Patrick J. McCann and James Keith are each tenants of one floor in a house in Belvedere place, Dublin, formerly occupied by Mr. David Sheehy, M.P. They applied to have the standard rent of the house fixed under the Rent Restrictions Act and apportioned between them. Their landlord, Commandant Cotter, of the National Army, claimed that they were not entitled to an apportionment, as the house, having been converted into flats, was outside the Rents Restrictions Act.

Mr. Hector Hughes (instructed by Mr. T. J. Graham), for the tenants, said that the rent paid immediately prior to August, 1914, by Mr. Sheehy to Sir Walter Boyd, the then landlord, was £48 a year, and this was the standard rent. There were no such structural alterations of the house into self-contained flats as would exclude it from the Rent Restrictions Act. Therefore, the tenants were entitled to have that rent apportioned between them. The aggregate of their present rents was £300 a year, and this, he submitted, was excessive and unlawful under the Act.

Mr. Louis O'Doherty (instructed by Mr. Dixon), for the landlord, said that the landlord had made a separate letting of each floor and each was structurally complete in itself. He had spent a good deal of money in putting in gas stoves and making other alterations to convert each floor into a self-contained flat, and that, therefore, the first rent charged for each flat (namely, the present rents aggregating £300 6s. a year) was the standard rent.

The Judge said that on the evidence he was satisfied that the alterations made were not sufficient to constitute each floor a self-contained flat independent of the rest of the house. The house, as it existed in 1914, had not lost its identity and the rent of £48 then paid for it was the standard rent and he must order this to be apportioned between the tenants. He thought, however, the tenants should pay the permitted increases in the future. How much would that amount to?

Mr. Hughes—They would increase the rent payable for the whole house from £48 to £89 1s. 6d., instead of £300 6s. a year.

Judge Dromgoole—The landlord and tenants can arrange the figures between them on that basis.

TOWN TENANTS' LEAGUE.

REPORT OF A YEAR'S WORK.

At the meeting of the Committee of the Town Tenants' League, held at the Executive Offices, in Dame street, Dublin, the General Secretary, Mr. D. O'Callaghan, reported that during the year reductions in rent were secured for tenants amounting to £3,358 10s., as well as the repayment to tenants of £1,765, unlawfully demanded by landlords since 1920. Prevention of evictions was effected in nine cases in which ejectment decrees had been obtained. Branches of the League were established in forty-eight towns, amongst those formed during the month being Mountrath, Templemore, Stradbally, and Carrick-on-Suir.

Mr. Byrne said he hoped that by pressing forward their claims they would in the near future get the Government to establish Fair Rent Courts and introduce a compulsory house purchase bill.

CLASSICAL DANCE.

An exhibition of classical dancing was given by Miss Muriel Catt's juvenile pupils in the Engineers' Hall, Dawson street, Dublin, on Saturday afternoon, in aid of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital (Children's Ward). There was a large attendance. Many pretty dresses were worn, and the dancing was of a high standard.

Special dances were contributed by F. Green, R. Harkness, R. Doran, E. Lawrance and V. Smalley (scarf dance); O. Dobbin, E. Murdock, D. Shea and S. Whitton (ballet); L. Curran, G. Matthew and S. Smalley (Schumann's waltz); E. Murdoch (Dream Dance); D. Peterson and N. Connor (Snowball); E. Adcock and F. Kennedy (Towtown); and B. Whitton, M. Callow, W. Macoun, O. Nicol (solos). The accompanist was Miss G. Fraser. Mr. Clarke-Barry's band supplied the music for the general dancing.

Prizes for the prettiest costumes were awarded to Doreen Smith (Christmas Bell), and Monte Kavanagh (Officer in mess uniform), and for the most original to Paddy Tullan (candlestick), and D. Brennan (Alpine sports). Mrs. de Vere White, who handed out the prizes, was presented by Sheila Doolan with a bouquet.

Princess Victoria, who is travelling in Italy, accompanied by Major and Lady Blanche Seymour, yesterday went to Mont Bré, where she greatly admired the panorama.—(Reuter.)

GUARDIAN SURCHARGED.

CASE BROUGHT TO COURT.

In the Dublin District Court, before Mr. Cooper, on Saturday, the Local Government Department, through Mr. Barnard, auditor, sought a committal order against Robert O'Donoghue, of Mount Brown, in respect of his failure to pay surcharges of £306 10s. 6d. and £963 2s. 2d., imposed on him by the auditor, in defendant's capacity as a poor law guardian.

Mr. J. J. Lennon (instructed by Messrs. J. O'Connor and Company, solicitors), appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Albert Woodcock, solicitor, represented the defendant.

Mr. Woodcock said that he had no legal defence, but, in fairness to his client and in view of the attitude adopted by the Local Government Board, he would say a few words in explanation of the charge. This was a case in which the defendant had been made the "catspaw" of the ratepayer. He was appointed a poor law guardian, and was then elected Vice-Chairman of the Admission Board. It was his duty as vice-chairman to preside at various meetings, and, if certain proposals and recommendations by the district relieving officers in regard to payments were considered by the Board to be satisfactory, he was obliged to sanction the payments. This practice had been in operation in the country for the past forty or fifty years.

Mr. Cooper—Do you ask me to believe that the relieving officers all over the country have been acting improperly for the last forty or fifty years?

Mr. Woodcock replied that his point was that the procedure was wrong. Not even sixpence of the money paid ever came into his client's hands. Unfortunately, when he was surcharged, the defendant had not sent in an appeal, which he could have done under the Act. After consulting him (Mr. Woodcock), however, he at once made out an appeal, but the Minister for Local Government replied that he could not entertain an appeal at that stage.

Mr. Cooper said that it seemed to him to be a matter for a memorial to the Government. Regarding the legal aspect of the matter, he thought that the case could not be touched.

Mr. Lennon pointed out that no advantage was taken of the surcharge notice, and that no actio nwas taken until the distress warrant was sued for.

Mr. Woodcock said that it was a very high-handed action of the Government to refuse to entertain the defendant's appeal because it came late.

Mr. Cooper remarked that he was bound by a "hard and fast code." The Local Government Department had discretionary powers if they wished to exercise them.

Mr. Woodcock—Is it within your province to make any recommendation on the matter?

Mr. Cooper replied that it was for a higher authority to make any recommendation. He had to take the law as he found it. The only thing he would suggest was that considering the season of the year the application might be adjourned for a fortnight.

Mr. Lannon said that his instructions were to press for the maximum penalty, but he would agree to a stay of fourteen days.

Mr. Cooper made a decree accordingly.

BELFAST CHRISTMAS MARKETS.

CHEAPER FOWL.

Friday is the principal market day in Belfast, and thousands of people congregated there yesterday to make Christmas purchases. The first cart arrived in the fowl market at 5.45 a.m., and a short time later it was followed by a continuous stream of vehicles, all laden with turkeys, geese, chickens and ducks. There was a very large number of birds on sale, and prices of turkeys and geese (dead weight) were 6d. per lb. less than last year. Cheaper prices are anticipated. There will be markets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

In the vegetable market, in Oxford street, the farmers rose to the occasion, and gave of their very best in quantity and quality. The stock was readily disposed of to grocers and hotel proprietors.

The wholesale fruit department was packed to overflowing. Traders report a substantial business.

The special sales of fat cattle and sheep were held earlier in the week at the Oxford Market, and some fine animals changed hands.

The following are the ruling prices of fowls:—Cock turkeys (each), 14s. 3d. to 23s.; hen turkeys, 10s. 6d. to 17s. 6d.; geese, 7s. 3d. to 9s. 6d.; ducks, 3s. 9d. to 4s.; hens, 2s. 6d. to 3s. 9d., chickens, 3s. 3d. to 4s. 9d. Dead fowl—Cock turkeys (each), 15s. 6d. to 20s.; hen turkeys, 11s. 6d. to 16s.; geese, 7s. 6d. to 11s. 3d.; ducks, 3s. 3d. to 4s. 3d.; hens, 2s. 9d. to 4s.; chickens, 2s. 6d. to 3s. 3d. Dead fowl per lb.—Cock turkeys, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 3d.; hen turkeys, 1s. 2d. to 1s. 6d.; geese, 9d. to 1s.

A new broadcasting station has now commenced operating at Manders.

CHRISTMAS PUZZLE COMPETITIONS.

CASH PRIZES FOR LARGEST LIST OF NAMES OF IRISH PRODUCTS—Compiled from Square of Letters.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE SOLUTION—Of simple Picture Puzzle.

SEE THE

CHRISTMAS NUMBER

OF THE

WEEKLY IRISH TIMES.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CALENDAR OF ALL IRISH JUDGES GIVEN FREE.

DUBLIN WEEKLY TRADE REPORT.

EXPORTS OF PORTER.

Messrs. A. Guinness, Son and Co.'s shipments of porter from Dublin, as returned by the Customs daily shipping lists for the past week, were:—

	Butts.	Hhds.	Brls.	Hf.Brls.	Qr.Brls.
	1,895	32,294	1,935	4,785	912

Corresponding week's shipments for previous three years:

	Butts.	Hhds.	Brls.	Hf. Brls.	Qr. Brls.
1923...	2,073	13,751	536	654	182
1922...	1,166	6,703	208	269	78
1921...	896	6,584	1,544	245	21

The above exports are equal to 33,721 hhds. for 1924, as against 18,495 hhds. for 1923, 9,347 hhds. for 1922, and 9,492 hhds. for 1921.

The following quantities of porter were also shipped from Dublin by the various firms named, as returned by the Customs daily shipping lists, for the week ending December 20th, 1924:—

	Bls.	Hhds.	Brls.	Brls.	Brls.	Hhds.
Watkins Jameson & Co....	—	27	70	233	46	165
Mountjoy Brewery Co.	—	49	41	200	21	147
D'Arcy & Son	—	20	—	—	—	—
Total	—	96	119	433	67	312

Others 13,949 gallons.

Corresponding week's shipments for previous three years:—

	Bls.	Hhds.	Brls	Brls.	Hf. Gr.	Total Hhds.
1923 ...	—	20	94	231	33	165
1922 ...	—	35	116	277	42	210
1921 ...	—	135	246	543	80	491

EXPORTS OF WHISKEY.

The quantities of whiskey exported from Dublin, as returned by the Customs daily shipping lists and bills of entry, for the week ending December 20th, 1924, were as follow:—Messrs. Jameson, 5,272 gallons; Power, 2,217 gallons.; Phœnix, 1,256 gallons; Dublin Distillers Co. 5,317 gallons. Others 4,745 gallons.

Corresponding week's shipments for the previous three years:—

1923 ... Dublin Distillers, 537 gallons; Jameson, 2,782 gallons; Power, 699 gallons. Others 3,201 gallons.

	Pns.	Butts.	Hhds.	Chs.	Qr-Chs.	Octs.	Kegs
1922 ...	—	5	10	10	28	18	—

FOREIGN IMPORTS.

From Valencia—2,800 cwt. oranges, 250 cwt. grapes.

From Rotterdam—180 cwt. chairs, 265 tons cement, 115 cwts. margarine.

From Montreal—566 cwt. cheese, 8,978 cwts. oatmeal, 43,752 cwts. flour, 53 tons wood match splint, 1,043 cwt. paper and cardboard.

From Hamburg—Mixed cargoes containing picture mouldings, furniture, wire nails, packages chairs, printing paper, jute, fibre, wrapping paper, milk cans, earthenware, toys sausage machinery, dairy machinery strawboards, wood mouldings unglazed paper, lamp bulbs, glassware in wood frames.

From Genoa—360 cwt. citron in brine, 900 cwt. bags sulphur, 200 cwt. lemons, 3,300 cwt. oranges.

From Antwerp—128 cwt. asbestos 110 gallons natural aprotent water, 235 tons fertilisers, 9 tons steel bars, 238 cwt. wire nails, 100 tons basic slag, 50 cwt. furniture, 561 dozen household brushes, 85 cwt. hops.

From cross-Channel ports, 25,389 tons of coal arrived per 56 collier vessels.

IRISH NATIVITY PLAY.

Dalkey Town Hall was crowded yesterday afternoon, when the Irish Nativity Play entered upon its fourth season. The story of Bethlehem seemed to be not so much told as felt, and imagination was stirred to fill in the picture. The long procession of Ireland's saints, each recalling incidents of his or her life, before paying homage to the "King of Kings," built up a splendid tableau. The old hymns in Irish at the close made a dignified conclusion. The play is being performed in aid of St. Ultan's Hospital and St. Joseph's Home, Coole.

UNITED STATES INCOME TAX.

Definite information relative to United States income tax is contained in a publication entitled "The United States Revenue Act of 1924." It includes an explanatory digest, and may be obtained on application to the National City Company, 34 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2.

The Earl of Ancaster has given £1,000 towards £12,000 required for the enlargement of Stamford and Rutland Infirmary.

DR DE JONGH'S LIGHT-BROWN COD LIVER OIL

IN USE OVER SEVENTY YEARS FOR CONSUMPTION, DISEASES OF THE CHEST and THROAT BRONCHITIS, ASTHMA, DEBILITY & GENERAL WASTING DISEASES

SOLD BY ALL LEADING OFFICIALS & STORES

Imperial Half-pints, 4/- & Pints, 7/9

Sole Consignees: ANSAR, HARFORD & Co. LTD. 198, Queen's Head Road, London.

WE HAVE HAD THE HONOUR TO MAKE THE GLASSES WORN by . . .

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught.
The Lord Primate.
Seven Archbishops of Dublin.
Four Lord Chancellors of Ireland
and THE IRISH SURGEON OCULIST to
H.M. Queen Victoria.
H.M. King Edward VII.
H.M. King George V.

GEORGE PRESCOTT & SON,
8, HERRION ROW, DUBLIN.

It is announced that fifty-three coal pits in Durham and twenty-three in Northumberland are now idle.

An Inspiring Ideal.

Openly committed to the policy of building the finest car possible, the Lincoln organisation has attracted men who take the highest pride in working to such a standard.

Here equipment, nowhere else duplicated, enables the engineer and skilled mechanic to carry precision of workmanship to the highest point.

Such auspicious circumstances favour the building of to-day's Lincoln, and account for the fine performance of every Lincoln car sold.

LINCOLN

There is a Lincoln Model to suit every taste.
Prices from £1,315 to £1,740. Chassis £1,180.

Ask any Authorised Ford Dealer for a demonstration.

HENRY FORD & SON, LTD., CORK.

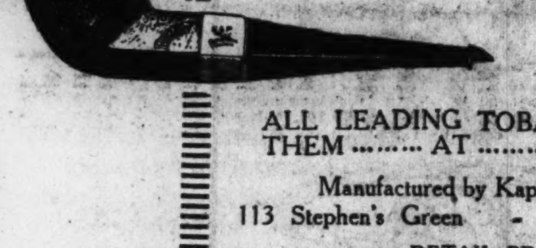
I. LL. News 19.

Its big reputation round the world

Wherever the pipe-smoking man is to be found, in the snowy North or in the Tropics, the Peterson Pipe is his best friend. Dublin's famous pipe has a big reputation far beyond our shores—a reputation built on proven worth and tested merit. This

makes him value

a gift of a Peterson Pipe to an extent that is special. The pipe-smoker's welcome to a Peterson is the welcome of genuine sincerity. For these reasons Ladies can make no mistake when they make the Present—



A PETERSON PIPE

ALL LEADING TOBACCONISTS STOCK THEM .... AT .... ALL .... PRICES

Manufactured by Kapp & Peterson, Ltd.,
113 Stephen's Green - - - - - Dublin

RETAIL BRANCHES:
55 Grafton Street and 56 Lower Sackville Street - 117 Grafton Street - - - Dublin

Music

What can be more acceptable? Music brings the greatest joy to the greatest number—so let your Christmas Gift be Music

Your choice can at once be appropriate and commensurate with your spending capacity. It may be a piece of music; a collection of songs; the score of an Opera; a few Records; a H. M. V. Gramophone, or any other instrument in wood, wind or string—if it is music or musical—we have it. :: ::

McCulloughs

39 GRAFTON ST., DUBLIN.

Agents for Pianos by Schiedmayer and Sochne, Bechstein, Andrae, Gaveau, Merkur, Ring, Steinmayer, Crowley, etc.

You can Hear all the Celebrity H.M.V. Records with Us.

ASK FOR

DUBLIN'S BEST STOUT MOUNTJOY

INSIST ON GETTING IT. TAKE NO OTHER. ANY DIFFICULTY IN PROCURING SAME CAN BE GOT OVER BY WRITING OR TELEPHONING THE BREWERY.

£1 TO £1,000

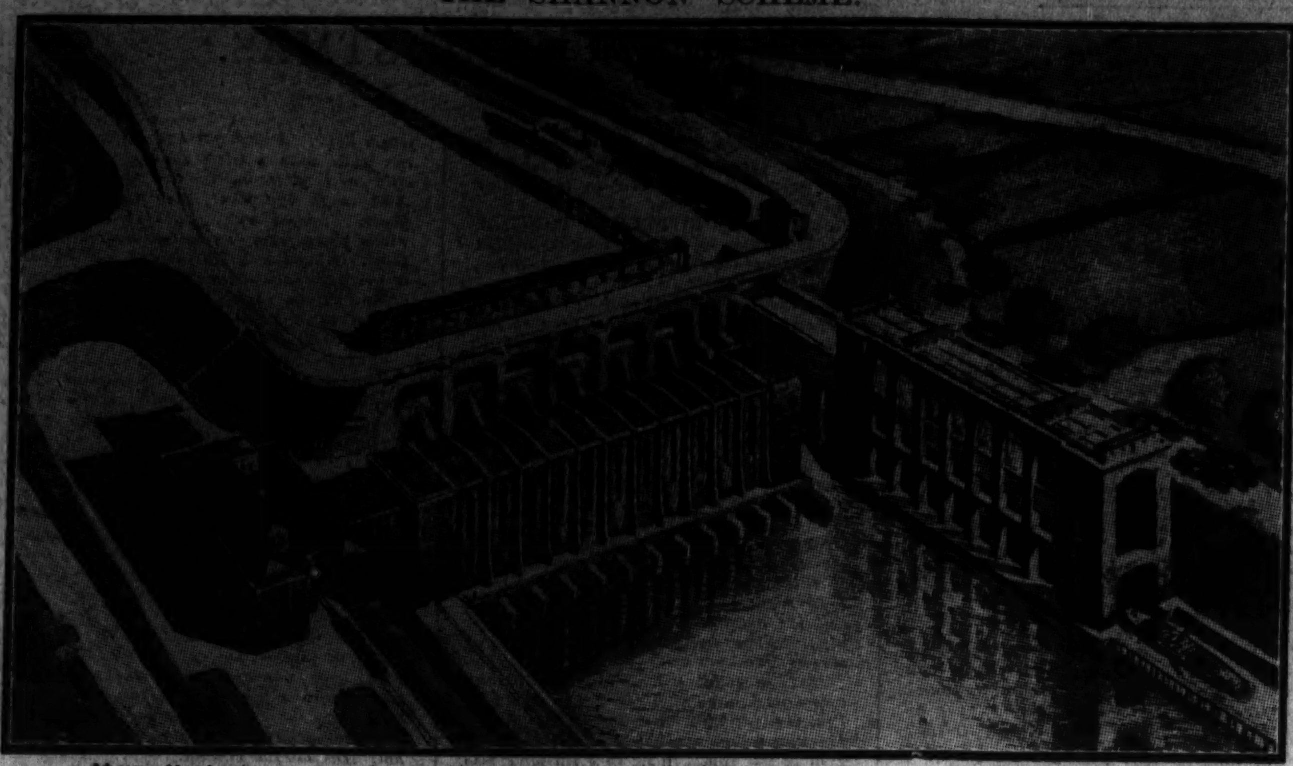
Advances at KELLY'S Great Central Money Office, 48 FLEET STREET (Westmoreland street), Dublin, on deposit of Jewels, Antique and Modern Plate, and any other Valuable Property.

Telephone—2497.

MAGNIFYING GLASSES.

DIXON & HEMPENSTALL,
12 SUFFOLK STREET.

THE SHANNON SCHEME.



Above—Head race or upper canal coming from O'Brien's Bridge.
Below—Tail race or lower canal leading water back into the Shannon.
Left—Switch-house from which transmission lines diverge over the country (railway line running in).
Centre—Turbine house.
Right—Ships' hoist, to raise vessels 100 feet.

WELL-KNOWN DUBLIN CHARITY.

THE BACK LANE FREE NIGHT SHELTER.

In the Dublin Mansion House yesterday, Monsignor Dunne presiding, the annual meeting was held of the St. Vincent de Paul Free Night Shelter for Homeless Catholic Men, Back Lane.

The Most Rev. Dr. Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin, sent a letter of apology for absence, and enclosed a cheque for £250. The receipt of other subscriptions, ranging from £1 to £25, was also announced.

The Archbishop, in the course of his letter, states:—

I find that it will be impossible for me to be present at your meeting for the Night Shelter on Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately, I have another diocesan engagement to which I did not advert when I promised to come to your meeting. I send you a special subscription this year, for I know your needs are exceptionally great and pressing, and, besides, I have a particular interest in this charity. The excellence of this charity is so evident that it needs no words of commendation from me.

In a large city like ours there will at all times be found poor workers who, through no fault of their own, will from time to time and from various causes be out of work and driven by extremities and even left without a sheltering roof. At present the number of the unemployed adds to such pathetic ranks to an extent positively appalling. I am confident the generous public of Dublin will not allow the Committee of the Night Shelter to fail for want of means in its noble work of providing warmth and shelter for the piteous wrecks that seek a night's harbourage at their institution.

Mr. R. M. O'Callaghan, Hon. Secretary, read the Committee's *interim* report, which stated that, owing to the exceptional unemployment prevailing, the serious drain upon the resources of the institution continued. Admissions to the shelter during the year were 37,264, and the free meals supplied numbered 74,340. These figures are the highest on record, and taxed the capacity of the home to the utmost. Admission to the shelter entitles each man to a free bed and two free meals daily for a fortnight, or longer if necessary. Each individual is helped according to his own particular needs. Work is obtained for some. Others, through the aid of the Mendicity Institution, are sent to their homes in the country, or their passage is paid to England or Scotland. The most destitute receive clothes and boots, contributed by friends of the charity, but unfortunately the supplies fall very short of the demand.

The Committee felt it necessary to make known their anxiety about the large deficit in their funds (£5,547). The shelter has neither endowment nor vested funds, and is, therefore, compelled to seek for generous subscriptions and bequests to secure a continuance of the work.

Canon Monahan, P.P., proposed the adoption of the report. He mentioned that he was associated with the Committee during the perilous week known as Easter Week in 1916, when every effort was made to relieve the hungry. It was, therefore, fitting that, on his arrival in Dublin as Parish Priest of St. Audoen's, he should be again associated with them. He yielded to none in his admiration of the noble work that had been carried on by the Committee of the Night Shelter. The members of this Committee were daily performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Many of the applicants were victims of political dissensions or industrial unrest. He was afraid that those who were responsible for political dissensions or social unrest did not take into consideration the fact that committees of charitable societies such as that that would be called upon inevitably to make good the losses that had been inflicted on those men through no fault of their own. From a wide experience of public life he advised the workers to be cautious in following the advice of those in whom, from past experience, they had no reason to place their confidence. Only a small percentage of the applicants, Canon Monahan said, were natives of the city. The majority came from other parts of the country, and in view of that he thought that their appeal should be made to all Ireland.

Mr. E. Lupton, K.C., pointed out that during the past twelve years the institution had given shelter to 445,000 men, and the total number of meals provided was 890,000. It would be calamitous if the Committee should have to cease its operations for want of funds.

The report was adopted.

Mr. John A. Costello proposed, and Judge O'Brien seconded a motion that the shelter is worthy of support. This was adopted.

The following were present amongst others:—Right Rev. Monsignor Dunne, P.P., V.G.; Very Rev. Canon Monahan, P.P.; Very Rev. Canon Pettit, P.P.; Very Rev. John Flanagan, Adm.; Very Rev. J. Masterson, O.P.; Very Rev. Father McCarthy, P.P.; Rev. M. Dwyer, C.C.; Messrs. A. J. Keogh, R. M. O'Callaghan, James O'Dea, W. Mathews, Senator O'Dea, Sir Joseph Glynn, His Honour Judge O'Brien, Edmond Lupton, K.C.; A. J. Ganter, P. S. Walsh, J. J. Duffy, Barnard Brady, J. Costello, Francis Barnard, John Hyland, G. M. Macken, Thomas Dooley, Thomas Woods, J. J. Healy, G. M. Collins, E. Purcell, C. O'Connor, Thomas Magrane, R. Davys, Patrick Byrne.

The following substantial sums were received, as well as smaller sums:—His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, £250; Right Rev. Monsignor Dunne, P.P., V.G., for endowment of bed, £25; Anonymous, R. and R., endowment of bed, £25; P. J. Murphy, do., £25; Joseph Coleman, Esq., £20; Jesuit Fathers, Leeson street, £10; Andrew J. Keogh, Esq., £10; Senator O'Dea, £10; Michael Flanagan, Esq., £10.

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT ON THE YEAR'S WORK.

At the prize distribution on Friday last the headmaster of St. Andrew's College reported that four scholarships—three of £20 and one of £25—and seven first places in individual subjects had been obtained by pupils of St. Andrew's College at this year's Intermediate Examinations.

The success of former pupils during the year included Fellowship and Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons, M.D. and M.A. of Trinity College, two degrees in Law (LL.B.), seven full Medical degrees (M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.), six Engineering degrees (B.A.I.), and sixteen Arts degrees (B.A.), four of the latter with First Class Honours. They had also won the Diploma of Public Health, the Begley Studentship, two Medical scholarships, the Purser and Cunningham Medals, the Brooke Prize in Mathematics and numerous 1st ranks at T.C.D. Term Honor Examinations; scholarships at Belfast University and at entrance to the Royal College of Science; and several successes, including the second place, direct from school, at the recent examination for appointments in the Bank of Ireland.

PIGEONS AND AERIALS.

The Postmaster-General, in a written reply to Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, states that he does not think that it would be practicable or reasonable to require all wireless licence-holders, of which there are more than a million, to provide special apparatus for the protection of pigeons. If it is found in any locality that pigeon mortality due to contact with aerials is exceptionally high, he will endeavour to use such means of persuasion as are open to him.

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED FIRM.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Stocks opened strong. Subsequent weakness in some Railroads and specialties was due to profit-taking, but the main trend was upward, with the public buying steadily, based on Mr. Mellon's statement of favourable business and financial conditions, also on prospects of the continuance of low money rates. There were many gains of 1 to 6 points, and the market closed firm. Government Bonds irregular; Railroad Bonds steady. The day's sales amounted to 940,000 shares. Money on call dull and nominal; sterling exchange steady; silver unchanged for foreign-mined at 67⅞.

Rises—Baltimore and Ohio Common and Canadian Pacific, ¾; Chesapeake and Ohio Common, ½; Norfolk and Western Common, 2; General Electric, 1¼; Pan-American Petroleum Ordinary, 1⅜, and Anglo-American Oil Shares, ⅝.

Falls—Atchison Topeka Common, 1; Erie First Preference and Reading Shares, ¾; Illinois Central, Ontario and Western, Southern Railway Shares, Texas and Pacific Union, Pacific Common, Utah Copper, New York Consolidated Gas, National Lead, and International Mercantile Marine Preferred, ½; Lehigh Valley Shares, 1¼, and Chicago Rock Island and Wabash Preferred, ⅝.

Call Money ...	2½b 2¾a	Nom.
Exchange on Lon. 60 days sight	4.68⅛	4.68
Do. do Demand Bills	4.70⅞	4.70¾
Cable Transfers	4.71⅛	4.71
Do. Montreal ...	4.73¼	4.73⅛
Exchange Paris, cable	5.40¼	5.39½

Eng. Parity	Stocks	Closing Bid Prices. Fri.	Business Done. Sat.
102⅞	U.S. Funded	102¼	102¼
125⅛	Atch., Top., Santa Fe	119½	118½
100⅛	Do. Preference	94⅝	94¾
85⅛	Baltimore and Ohio	80	80¾
160⅛	Canadian Pacific	150½	151¼
99⅛	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	94⅝	94⅛
17⅜	Chic., Mil., & St. Paul	16¾	16⅜
77⅞	Chicago and N.-West	73½	73⅜
33⅛	Erie Shares	31⅝	31⅛
47¾	Erie 1st Preferred	45¾	45
78	Great Northern Pref.	73½	73⅛
122⅝	Illinois Central	116	115½
82½	Lehigh Valley	79	77¾
113⅛	Louisville & Nashville	106⅛	106½
31	Missouri, Kan., & Texas	29⅜	29¼
34⅝	Missouri Pacific New	32¾	32½
5⅛	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	5	5
2⅛	Do. 2nd Pref.	2	2
126⅜	N.Y. Ctl. & Hudson R.	118⅞	119
136⅜	Norfolk and West Com.	126½	128⅝
75⅝	Northern Pacific Com.	71⅜	71⅛
27⅛	Ontario and Western	26½	26
51⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	48⅝	48¾
80⅛	Reading Shares	77	76⅛
41⅛	Do. Preferred	38¾	39
83⅛	Southern Railway	78⅞	78⅜
109¾	Southern Pacific	103½	103⅜
48⅜	Texas and Pacific	46⅛	45⅝
158⅛	Union Pacific	150¼	149¾
79⅛	Do. Pref.	74¾	74¾
23⅛	Wabash Common	22	21⅞
61⅛	Do. Preferred A.	58¾	57⅝
96⅛	American Smelt. and Refining	91	90¾
44⅛	Anaconda Copper	42¼	42⅜
27¼	British-American Tobacco Ord.	25¾	25¾
87⅛	Utah Copper	83	82½
81¾	New York Consolidated Gas	77½	77
304⅛	General Electric	285½	286¾
172½	National Lead	163	162½
123⅛	United States Steel Common	118⅜	118¾
129⅛	Do. Pref.	121⅝	121½
52	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	48¾	49
—	Silver Commercial Bars	67¾	67¾
64¾	General Motors (New)	61⅛	61
14⅛	Inter. Mer. Marine Com Certs.	13¼	13¾
46⅛	Do. Pref. Certs.	44¾	44¼
51⅛	Royal Dutch Ordinary	48¾	48⅜
41⅛	Shell Ordinary	39⅛	39
68⅛	Pan-American Petroleum Ord.	63	64⅜
19⅜	Anglo-American Oil	17⅝	18¼
22⅛	Shell Union Oil Corp.	21⅜	21¼
42⅛	U.S. Rubber	40¼	40
	BONDS.		
93⅛	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort.	88¾	88⅛
67½	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	63½	63⅛
—	Reading 4 p.c. Mortgage Bonds	—	—
96½	Union Pacific 4 p.c. Bonds	90⅞	90⅞
110⅛	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort. 5% Bds.	104¼	104
122⅜	U.K. 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1929	115¾	115¼
111⅝	Do. do. 1937	105	105⅛

*Asked. †Ex div. ‡Ex interest. ‖Ex rights.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT firm, ½c. to 1¼c. higher.

	To-day.	Prev. day
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	186¾	186
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	193¼	192⅝
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot ...	186½	185½
No. 1 Northern Manitoba, spot ...	204¼	202¾

	To-day	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts—Atlan.	419	411	192,787	148,434
Clearances „ ...	92	878	187,492	138,305

(In thousands of bushels.)

Wheat sales for export, 20 boatloads.
RYE—No. 2 spot, 137½.
Rye sales for export, 28 boatloads.
BARLEY—American malting, 101.
MAIZE easy, 1¼c. cheaper.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed, spot ...	140	141¼

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts—Atlan.	28	105	5,178	6,170
Clearances „ ...	—	107	1,454	1,803

(In thousands of bushels.)

LARD barely steady, 5 points cheaper. Prime Western steam, 17.52½; Middle West, 17.25 to 17.35.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears, 100 per cent.—7.50 to 8.00.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain, per qr.—2/6-3/-.
Ditto, Continent, per 100lbs.—12c.-14c.
Cotton, high density, to Great Britain, per 100lbs.—35c.
Ditto, standard bales—50c.

RUBBER steady. First latex crepe, 38½c. buyers, 39c. sellers; smoked ribbed sheets, 38½c. buyers, 39c. sellers.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Mid-Continent Crude ...	1.10	1.10
Standard White in cases ...	16.90	16.90
Standard White in barrels ...	13.50	13.50
Do. Philadelphia ...	13.50	13.50
Pennsylvania crude	2.75 2.85	2.75 2.85

COFFEE opened firm, 50 to 5 points up. Values rose on favourable Brazilian advices, covering of December shorts and buying by trade interests, but reacted later owing to liquidation and selling by commission houses. The market closed steady, 35 points higher to 9 points lower. Spot firm and unchanged. Rio No. 7 spot, 22¼; Santos No. 4 spot, 26½. Approximate day's sales, 36,000 bags.

Futures—Options—	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	21.35	20.85	19.85	19.05
Prev. day	21.00	20.50	19.90	19.00
	June.	July.	Sept.	
To-day	18.70	18.41	17.80	
Prev. day	18.75	18.50	17.65	

SUGAR steady, 7 to 2 points higher. Centrifugal Cuban spot steady; 96 test centrifugal Cuban, 4.77. Approximate day's sales, 12,000 tons.

Options—	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July.
To-day	3.65	2.97	2.88	2.98	3.08
Prev. day	3.58	2.93	2.86	2.96	3.06

Sugar sale—5,000 bags of Cuban sugar were sold to-day at 4.77 for shipment during Dec.

TALLOW steady. Extra loose, 10¼.

COTTONSEED OIL barely steady. Prime summer yellow spot, 11.57. Prime yellow spot—Options—Jan., 11.45; March, 11.66; May, 12.06; July, 12.22.

SHELLAC—T.N. spot, 64.

TURPENTINE — Spirits of turpentine, 86; Savannah spirits of turpentine, 80.

RESIN—Grade F, 6.40; K, 6.60; WW, 8.50.

BURLAPS quiet. Hessian cloth, light-weight, 8.10; hessian cloth, heavy-weight, 9.85.

METALS.—Tin steady; spot, 56.25; future option, 56.25. Tin Plates, 5.50. Lead steady, 9.80. Zinc steady; East St. Louis spot, 7.45. Iron steady; No. 2 American Northern foundry, 22.50 to 23.50. Electrolytic Copper steady; spot, 14⅜; futures, 14⅜ to 14½. Steel—Bessemer rails, 43.

OUTSIDE U.S. MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat steady, ¾c. higher; No. 2 hard winter spot, 173½.

ST. LOUIS—Wheat firm, 1c. up; No. 2 red winter spot, 193½.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat steady and unaltered; No. 1 Northern spring, 171½.

DULUTH—Flaxseed—May, 300.

TOLEDO—Cloverseed—March, 19.60.

WINNIPEG—Wheat opened barely steady, ½c. to ⅝c. down, and closed barely steady, ⅝c. to ⅝c. lower. Opening options—May, 181¼; July, 179½. Closing options—May, 181¼; July, 179½.

barely steady, ½c. cheaper. Closing option—Dec., 63½. Flaxseed—May, 267.

Wheat receipts (carlots)	To-day.	Prev. day.
Total	354	388

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady, but prices declined owing to the bearish ginners' report, selling by New Orleans interests, Wall street houses and Southern operators, and smaller exports. The market rallied, however, on the trade and foreign interests buying, improvement in the spot situation, reactionary purchases and covering of shorts, and closed very steady, but 11 points down to unchanged. Spot quiet at 5 points reduction. New Orleans spot 15 points lower. The current week's receipts of cotton at the ports are estimated at 350,000 bales.

Spot middling upland at New York, 23.95.
Spot middling upland at New Orleans, 23.75.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 13,000 bales; Gulf ports, 20,000 bales; Pacific ports, 4,000 bales; interior towns, 20,000 bales. Exports—Great Britain, 5,000 bales; Continent, nil; Japan, 4,000 bales.

New York futures in last twenty seconds of trading:—Dec., lowest 23.46, highest 23.48; Jan., 23.51, 23.52; Feb., 23.73, 23.73; March, 23.95, 23.96; April, 24.13, 24.13; May, 24.32, 24.33; June, 24.40, 24.40; July, 24.48, 24.50; Aug., 24.01, 24.01; Sept., 24.20, 24.20; Oct., 24.00, 24.03; Nov., 24.05, 24.05.

New Orleans futures in last minute of trading:—March, lowest 23.84, highest 23.88; May, 24.16, 24.18.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

WHEAT opened easy, ⅛c. to ½c. lower. Values declined owing to the disappointing export demand, bearish Liverpool cables, commission house selling and unloading by bulls, but partially recovered later on small receipts, unfavourable Argentine reports and covering of shorts. The market closed barely steady and unchanged to 1⅜c. down. Spot inactive.

		To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter spot ...		—	—
No. 3 Hard Winter spot ...		—	—
Futures—Opening options—		Dec.	May.
To-day ...		171¾	176
Prev. day ...		170½	173½
Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May.	July.
To-day ...	172	175¾	149¼
Prev. day ...	172	176½	151⅛

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts (W.) ...	895	1,523	322,179	243,835

(In thousands of bushels.)

CORN opened easy, ⅛c. to ⅞c. lower, on predictions of increased receipts, and further losses took place owing to bulls unloading, stocks increasing and a slack outside inquiry. The market rallied partially, however, on shorts covering and unfavourable crop-moving weather, but closed barely steady at ⅞c. to 1¼c. fall.

		To-day.	Prev. day.
Spot No. 2 mixed ...		—	—
Futures—Opening options—		Dec.	May.
To-day ...		124⅝	129⅜
Prev. day ...		125	129⅞
Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May.	July.
To-day ...	123¼	128⅛	128⅞
Prev. day ...	125⅛	129⅞	130⅞

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts (W.) ...	1,225	1,355	115,440	121,690

(In thousands of bushels.)

OATS easier, ½c. to ⅞c. down.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May.	July.
To-day ...	58⅛	63⅝	62¼
Prev. day ...	59⅛	64¾	62⅞

RYE—No. 2 spot, 147½.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May.
To-day ...	142⅞	153¾
Prev. day ...	146⅛	154

PROVISIONS opened easy, and prices declined on adverse European advices and in sympathy with corn. A rally followed owing to light stocks and shorts showing more disposition to cover, but the downward movement was resumed under realising and a disappointing outside demand. The market closed about steady, with lard 5 points down to 5 up and ribs unchanged to 2½ points lower.

Lard—Closing options	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day ...	16.70	16.90	17.05
Prev. day ...	16.75	16.85	17.07½
Ribs—Closing options—	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day ...	15.25	—	15.92½
Prev. day ...	15.25	—	15.95

BACON steady and unaltered.
Short ribbed sides (60lbs. average), 15.12½.

HOGS firm. Light sorts are 15 points up to unchanged and heavy unchanged to 5 points dearer. The week's hog pack here totalled 267,000, compared with 269,000 last week and 278,000 in the corresponding week last year. Light hogs, 8.15 to 9.55; heavy hogs, 10.00 to 10.30.

	To-day.	Same day last year.
Receipts—Western Cities ...	70,000	60,000
Chicago ...	13,000	11,000

Receipts of hogs at fifteen principal Western centres, including Chicago, since the 1st November total 6,399,000 against 6,951,000 same season last year.

DUBLIN AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

The Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company (including the City of Dublin Junction Railways and the New Ross and Waterford Extension Railway) give notice that the transfer books relating to the Consolidated Ordinary, Preference and Debenture Stocks, New Ross and Waterford Extension Railway, and all stocks of the City of Dublin Junction Railways will be closed on the evening of December 31st next.

DERRY ASYLUM ESTIMATES.

At the monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Derry Asylum last Saturday, the clerk submitted the estimates for the year ending Mach 31st, 1926. The estimated expenditure is £31,325, or £1,695 in excess of that for the current year. The revenue is estimated at £5,412, an increase of £1,694. Last year a credit balance of £1,400 was brought into the estimates, and it was estimated that there would be a similar sum available at the end of the present year. The net demand to be made on the contributory councils remains at virtually the same figure as last year—namely, £24,513. The advances in the prices of bread, cereals and feeding stuffs account for some of the increases in estimated expenditure. The estimated increase of £1,694 in revenue is based on additional sales of farm stock, additional receipts for paying patients, and the inclusion in the miscellaneous receipts of a grant of £1,200 from the Ministry of Labour for new buildings.

IRISH WIRELESS EXHIBITION.

The current issue of the *Irish Radio Journal* announces that a wireless exhibition will be held in the Antient Concert Rooms, Brunswick street, Dublin, from February 23 to 28 next. Wireless, in spite of lack of official encouragement, gains in popularity in the Free State, and the exhibition will prove opportune and popular. The *Irish Radio Journal* caters comprehensively for the amateur and the professional expert. Specially helpful advice and instruction is given for building up sets at home.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following is the order of Advertisements in to-day's *Irish Times*:—

FIRST PAGE.
Births, Marriages and Deaths.
Shipping.
Railways.

SECOND PAGE.
Cycles and Motor Cars.
Lost and Found.
Situations Vacant and Wanted.
Medical.
Tuitions.
Schools.
Specific Articles for Sale and Wanted.
Garden.
Poultry, Eggs, Dairy, &c.
Furniture.
Music, Pianos, &c.
Hotels.

SIXTH PAGE.
Amusements.
Public Notices.
Education.

ELEVENTH PAGE.
Prospectus.

TWELFTH PAGE.
Auctions.
Houses and Lands.
Legal Notices.
Appeals.
Dress for Sale & Wanted.
Horses, etc.
Business Premises.
Stabling and Grazing.
Houses to Let and Wanted.
Apartments to Let and Wanted.
Seaside and Country.
Miscellaneous.

HOCKEY.

NORTH V. SOUTH CLUB MATCHES

LEINSTER'S GOOD SHOWING.

There was quite an inter-provincial element in the week-end programme, three of the five minor matches bringing Leinster and Ulster clubs together, and with two wins and a draw the honours went to the Southern province. East Antrim, holder of the Ulster Senior League, found Kingstown Grammar School a stiff proposition at Tivoli terrace, and were beaten by 3 goals to 2. At Banbridge the home team failed to hold Dublin University, who ran out good winners on a 5-1 score, and at Lisburn Three Rock Rovers and Lisnagarvey played a draw of 2 all. Both the Leinster Senior League matches produced close struggles. Monkstown checked Railway Union's run of victories by 2 goals to 1, and Pembroke Wanderers defeated Fairview C.Y.M.S. by the only goal scored in a match which was handicapped by the state of the ground.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY (5) v. BANBRIDGE (1).

Better together all through a fast game, Dublin University were full value for their 5-1 win against Banbridge, at Banbridge, on Saturday. Owing to a late start the closing stages were fought out in a very bad light, which introduced an element of risk into what was a hard-hitting game from start to finish.

Across the border the weather appears to have been very similar to what we have enjoyed, and consequently the ground was very soft and dead, and cut up badly before the close. However, both teams had had plenty of practice on such pitches, and so were able to make the best of things. Going into attack from the bully-off, Dublin University pressed the defence very hard in the early stages, and MacDonogh gave his side the lead in the first five minutes. Had the shooting been better they might have run up a big score, but the weakness of the forward line in the circle was again in evidence, and quite a number of good openings went astray.

Gradually Banbridge found their game and fought back. Repeated dashes on the left, finished off by swinging centres by E. Greenfield, should have yielded scores, but the inside forwards failed in the circle and any shots which reached Heatley were dealt with. So the game ran to the interval, and they changed over on a 1-0 score.

The earlier stages of the second half ran in favour of the home team, and for quite a time the Dublin defence was kept busy. But, again, the finishing was poor, and the backs, both of whom were playing better than in the first half, backed by good goalkeeping by Heatley, proved equal to the pressure and no goals resulted. Then came the turning point of the game. Dublin attacked, and from a scrambling rush Leonard obtained possession to score the second, a clever shot from a difficult angle. Shortly afterwards a similar movement by Banbridge saw McWilliam reduce the lead, but the effort was not sustained, and scores by Acheson, West and MacDonogh in turn put the issue beyond doubt. It was Bryson's goalkeeping in this stage that saved the situation, and severely tested as he was, he came through with flying colours, particularly when the poor light referred to is considered.

Banbridge appeared short of practice as a team. The forwards were not together, the three insides being quite unable to make use of the centres put across by the wings. In the centre Harvey was as clever as ever, but slow, and frequently failed to find his forwards. Both fulls were uneven, and would have come out badly but for Bryson in goal. For Dublin University, the forwards were again weak in the circle. Well led by Connell, the middle line got through a lot of work, but should have made more use of the wing forwards. After a very shaky start both backs improved very much, and were lucky to have Heatley in goal right on his game.

Banbridge—F. Bryson; A. Cull, R. Russell; C. Cull, J. H. Harvey, J. McKeown; Lieut. Davis, J. Coburn, W. McWilliam, G. Greenfield, E. Greenfield.

Dublin University—R. A. Heatley; J. H. Tuke, C. Somerville-Large; B. J. Daly, W. L. Connell, G. W. Rooke; J. A. Leonard, T. G. Wilson, G. F. West, W. P. MacDonogh, W. E. Acheson.

Umpires—Messrs. Chaytor and McMahon.

KINGSTOWN G.S. (3) v EAST ANTRIM (2)

East Antrim, the leaders of the Ulster League, paid a visit to Kingstown G.S. at Tivoli terrace on Saturday, and were beaten by 3 goals to 2 after a fast game. Although the weather was beautiful, the ground was still on the soft side, but that did not prevent a really good game. The visitors travelled a man short, so Surgeon-Lieut. A. E. Phillips, of the home team, who is home on leave, turned out for them. The School had most of the game in the first half, but the second was more even. Showing better combination, their backs turned defence into attack more readily than their opponents, who were often caught out of position. Gibson, the home goal-keeper, was in splendid form, and his stopping and clearing was quite a feature of the match. He stopped some very fine drives from Archbold and J. MacDonald.

The visitors got down from the start, but good play by Devlin and E. Phillips kept them out. The School took the offensive in turn, and within ten minutes P. Cook opened the scoring with a fast, rising shot. Getting down again C. Cook shot wide, and shortly afterwards Alexander sent his forwards on the move, and Gibson was called on to save several good shots. Kingstown returned to the visitors' goal, and Jenkins added the second goal. East Antrim then attacked, J. MacDonald scoring from a scramble in the circle, and shortly afterwards the interval arrived with the School leading by two goals to one.

On resuming, Antrim went into attack, but once more found the defence too good, and a breakaway by Kingstown wound up when Staples sent in a fine centre, which was snapped up by Winder, who had no difficulty in adding the third. Soon afterwards Leeburn scored for Antrim, and to the finish play ran evenly, the final whistle coming with the score unaltered. Teams:—

Kingstown G.S.—C. W. Gibson; E. S. Phillips, Rev. E. J. Devlin; R. E. Pelton, A. F. Cook, J. R. Marsden (capt.); T. Staples, C. W. Ritchie, E. W. Winder, C. W. Cook, V. Jenkins.

East Antrim—J. Spence; R. Alexander, Surgeon-Lieut. A. E. Phillips; F. MacDonald (capt.), G. Reid, G. H. Spiller; H. Leeburn, W. Lyle, H. Archbold, J. MacDonald, J. Alexander.

Umpires—Messrs. W. F. McDonell and P. B. Martin.

LISNAGARVEY (2) v. THREE ROCK ROVERS (2).

When full time arrived in this match at Lisburn on Saturday the score stood at two goals all, and as it happened this represented fairly enough the run of the play. Had either side won the other would have been unlucky, Lisnagarvey being at their best in the first half, while Rovers finished the stronger, and were, indeed, within an ace of winning the game, Rice only scoring the equalising goal for Lisnagarvey two minutes before the long whistle.

There was a touch of a holiday air over this game. Three Rocks brought up a representative and useful side, and Lisnagarvey were practically at full strength. There was some delay in beginning, each team waiting for a player and both starting one short for the first few minutes. The ground was heavy, although the best had been made of it and hard hitting was necessary to get the ball to travel. This was a handicap of sorts on the home team, whose style favours a continued passing game, there being more dash and individuality in the visitors' style, and it paid the better on the day's play. One umpire, by the way, controlled the game and did it very well.

Rovers began well, for within two minutes from the bully the ball had swung over from the right into the circle, and Mahony had it and scored. After that Lisnagarvey got into their stride; they did most of the attacking, and ten minutes later, and from an ordinary corner, Black got possession and drove in an unsaveable shot. Good goalkeeping and luck only stood between Rovers, and a score against them for the remainder of the first period. In the second they did well too, but not as well as before. The game was more open, but they did not seem to suit themselves to the conditions as well as did the Rovers, and when Brown, the latter's outside left, scored they seemed to lose heart. Brown's score was clever; when the ball came to him he was lying near touch at midfield and he carried it through the defence on his own, to finish with a fine shot. Just before the close Lisnagarvey livened up again and Rice saved his side from defeat, leaving honours even in a good and very fast and pleasant match on a score of two goals each.

MONKSTOWN (2) v. RAILWAY UNION (1)

Over-keenness spoiled this important League tie at Park avenue on Saturday, and the game was marked more by robustness than scientific methods. At this style Monkstown were more effective, and with the loser's defence much below form, they received their first defeat this season. On their recent showing on soft grounds, Railway have been gradually deteriorating, and they have lost much of the skill which they showed earlier in the season.

Monkstown were in fine form in defence, Morrison, at centre half, giving a clever display, whilst Fenton, in goal, was at the top of his form, and his brilliant saving was the feature of the game. Their forwards worked hard throughout, Gray and Kenny being very smart, and it was from the accurate centring of the latter that both scores came.

At the start Monkstown pressed home several attacks without result. The first occasion Railway got moving saw Browner give V. Sully an opening, which Fenton stopped, but off the rebound he received again to open the scoring after fifteen minutes' play. Monkstown re-doubled their efforts, and Kenny crossed for Legge to beat Leopold with a high shot.

Changing ends with the scores level, Railway Union set up a prolonged attack, but the Monkstown defence was very steady. At length Gray let Kenny away, and from his centre Legge put Monkstown ahead. Railway subsequently tried hard to get on level terms, and V. Sully nearly succeeded in the last minute, but Fenton brought off a great save, and the final whistle found Monkstown winners by the odd goal. Teams:—

Railway Union—W. G. Leopold; K. Browner, K. Downey, J. Ryan, W. Chiddick (capt.), B. Williams; T. Browner, C. Sully, V. Sully, H. Sully, R. Leitch.

Monkstown—A. A. Fenton (capt.); G. M. Orr, J. Peterson; W. F. Williams, W. Morrison, G. Darcus; V. Kenny, E. Gray, H. Legge, E. Dormer, R. Towers.

Umpires—Messrs. C. Bruton and J. S. Jackson.

PEMBROKE WANDERERS (1) v. FAIRVIEW C.Y.M.S. (0).

The ground at Philipsburgh avenue on Saturday, though the day was fine and dry, was so soft that good hockey was an impossibility and a very moderate game resulted between Pembroke Wanderers and Fairview C.Y.M.S., the visitors winning by the only goal scored—from a penalty bully near the end of the first half.

Wanderers rushed matters from the start, but five penalties in the first few minutes held them up till Little got away with a good run and had bad luck with the drive at goal. Stanistreet and H. Buttimer missed shortly afterwards. Wanderers would have fared better had they not tried a close game, tactics which were quite out of keeping with the prevailing conditions. A succession of corners gave them every opportunity, but their work in the circle was poor, though Hehir in the home goal, whose second appearance it was, did plenty of work and saved his side repeatedly.

Ryan got away well for Fairview, and brought play into Wanderers' territory; but Crawford, who played a good game all through, spoiled. Nearing the interval a mix-up in front of the home goal resulted in an injury to Hall, and from the ensuing penalty bully, Little got the better of Hehir to score easily from a couple of yards' range.

This finished the scoring, and, although Wanderers did most of the pressing after the resumption, poor passing and worse shooting spoiled any chance they got, and a very ragged half came to a close with Wanderers still in attack. Teams:

Pembroke Wanderers—Hannon; R. E. Spence, F. O'Sullivan; H. Buttimer, C. J. Little (capt.), G. Clancy; J. Stanistreet, H. McDona, W. A. Buttimer, A. E. Hall, Crawford.

Fairview C.Y.M.S.—J. Hehir; H. Fitzgerald, G. Buckley; F. Moran, J. Watson, T. Wall; F. Tully, P. Ryan, T. Waters, J. Murphy, P. Daly.

Umpires—Mr. D. J. Cotter and Rev. J. S. Crockett.

OTHER RESULTS.

MIDDLE LEAGUE.

Goals.		Goals
Three R. Rovers 2nd. 2	Monkstown 2nd	1

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE—A.

Railway Union 3rd. 12	Monkstown 3rd	0

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE—B.

Pembroke W. 3rd A.. 7	Y.M.C.A. 2nd	1
National Bank 4	Three Rock Rovers...	0
Bray Rovers 1	Civil Service	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Kingstown G.S. 3rd A 3	Railway Union 3rd B	1

ANDERSON CUP—SEMI-FINAL.

Cliftonville 2	Antrim	1

BILLIARDS.

SMITH v. REECE.

Smith gained a hollow victory over Reece, to whom he conceded 5,000 in 18,000 up, at Piccadilly Hall, on Saturday, winning by 3,449 points. During the afternoon the ex-champion went further ahead, scoring 749 against 121, and making breaks of 321, 141, and 233 (unfinished). Interval scores:—Smith (in play), 17,250; Reece (rec. 5,000), 14,487.

At night Smith soon went to his game with breaks of 479, 216, and 286 (unfinished). Reece scored 64. Smith averaged 214 on the day's play. Final scores:—Smith, 18,000; Reece (rec. 5,000), 14,551.

NEWMAN v. INMAN.

Newman gained a capital victory over Inman, who received 4,000 start in 16,000 up, at Liverpool, the champion winning by 554 points. In the afternoon Newman scored 955 to 441 with breaks of 165, 188, 159, and 244. As his best, Inman recorded 89, 200, and 71. Interval scores:—Newman, 15,205; Inman (rec. 4,000) (in play), 14,846.

Newman again played well at night, compiling breaks of 322, 105, 190, and 137 (unfinished), Inman being responsible for 266, 135, and 104. Final scores:—Newman, 16,000; Inman (rec. 4,000), 15,446.

LAWN TENNIS.

MONTE CARLO TOURNAMENT.

MONTE CARLO, December 20.

In the final of the Ladies' Singles of the Monte Carlo Lawn Tennis Tournament Mlle. Alvarez beat Mrs. Satterthwaite.

In the Men's Doubles Bocciardi and Bonzi beat Casini and Cumming.

In the Mixed Doubles Mlle. Alvarez and Marlon Crawford beat Mrs. Satterthwaite and Yeng Ken.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE SECOND VIRTUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In your issue of the 16th inst. appears a letter from "Sanitas" calling attention to the want of cleanliness in our Southern towns. It is timely and relevant and the facts are not over-stated. Now that efforts are being made to attract visitors, the question of a remedy presents itself. There exist at present sanitary laws which, if enforced, would go far to keep the towns clean. The new Southern Railway Company, when it gets into its stride, will, no doubt, keep its stations in order. The failure to enforce the sanitary laws is attributable to the fact that the sanitary officers are local, and not whole-time, being engaged in other business.

A sanitary officer-in-chief, with subordinates, ought to be appointed, with a roving commission to go from town to town, and with authority to engage the services of the Civic Guard to prosecute whenever necessary. The services of the local sanitary officers could be dispensed with, their salaries going to pay the salary and expenses of the chief sanitary officer and his staff.

When a man invites visitors to his house he usually has it swept and garnished beforehand. Could we not have a "cleaning-up week" in all the towns of the South—say, Easter week or sooner—to prepare for the influx of tourists? In the meantime we could have our streets, where they are not paved, steam-rolled, the flag-ways and water-tables repaired, new side-walks made, sewers and water supply looked after. Many imagine that because they do not come in direct contact with the tourist, they gain nothing from the tourist traffic. This is a mistake, as all must gain sooner or later, directly or indirectly. Motor cars are now so much utilised that few, if any, towns will escape the tourist invasion.—Yours, etc.,

"CIVIC PRIDE."

Co. Kerry, December 20th, 1924.

LABOUR DISPUTES AT WICKLOW.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—May me make known to the general public our position with reference to the situation existing in Wicklow? As everybody knows, there are two unions in Wicklow at the present time—the Transport Union and the Workers' Union. The attitude of the Transport Union is that they will not work with members of the other union, and that they must dictate to the employers the persons whom they are to employ. The Workers' Union men are quite willing to work with members of the Transport Union and are willing for the employers to choose their men.

As there has been a lot of friction between the unions over this matter, which has been detrimental both to men who are willing to work and to the employers, the latter met in consultation and passed a resolution as follows:—

"At a meeting of the Quay Section of the Employers' Federation of Wicklow, it was resolved that from this date they will employ all men to do their work without applying to any union official for lists, provided that the men are members of a union."

Having forwarded copies of this resolution to both unions, the employers received a letter of thanks from the Workers' Union and a letter asking for a conference from the Transport Union, which was refused. The employers maintain that they have the right to choose the men to work the boats, which they are doing; but the executive of the Transport Union in Wicklow appear to think that they have sole right to dictate to the employers the presons whom they shall employ. To this the employers will not submit.—Yours, etc.,

H. B. HOPKINS, Honorary Secretary,
Wicklow Employers' Federation.

Wicklow, December 20th, 1924.

WOMEN MEDICAL OFFICERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In reference to the report in to-day's issue of the reply of the Minister for Local Government, in answer to Deputy Mrs. Collins-O'Driscoll's question concerning the appointment of my successor as assistant medical officer at Portrane Asylum I note that the Minister is reported to have said:—"It is quite obvious that where male patients have got out of hand it is more desirable that a male medical officer should be appointed to deal with them." To avoid the misunderstanding that may arise from this statement, perhaps you would allow me to point out that my duties at Portrane since my appointment comprise the charge of the female patients and female staff, and relief duty for the male medical officer who has charge of the male patients and male staff, the latter only being emergency medical attendance. The question of "discipline" amongst the male patients was not within my province.

As the vacancy occurs on the female medical staff, it should be obvious that, in the interests of the public and the patients, a woman medical officer ought now be appointed.—Yours, etc.,

KATHLEEN MEADE.

Portrane Mental Hospital, Co. Dublin.
December 20th, 1924.

SAILORS' CHRISTMAS.

In accordance with its usual custom, the British and Foreign Sailors' Society will entertain sailors at the Sailors' Rest, North Wall, Dublin, on Christmas Day. The Society provides good cheer in all the principal ports of the world for the sailors who are away from their homes for the holiday. An announcement appears in our advertising columns on page 6.

DIXON HEMPENSTALL
SIGHT TESTING ROOMS
SUFFOLK ST.
DUBLIN

WOMEN WHO FASCINATE
THE BEAUTY SECRETS OF FAMOUS WOMEN,
By SHEBA.
POST FREE, 3/7, FROM
VAIL & CO.,
170 FARRINGDON ROAD, LONDON, E.C.

AGRICULTURE IN THE FREE STATE.

THIS YEAR'S WHEAT AND OATS.

ROOT CROPS BELOW AVERAGE.

Reporting on agricultural conditions in the Free State at the beginning of December, the Department of Lands and Agriculture states that during the dry period of November opportunity was taken to finish the digging of potatoes and the pulling of mangels. Good progress was also made with the threshing of oats, and on farms where the crop was put into stacks, the latter were tidied up and made secure for the winter. Some ploughing of stubble ground was begun, but had to be suspended owing to the sodden condition of the soil. Little or no ploughing of lea land was done and, as the result of the late harvest and the softness of fields, the work generally was very backward for the end of November, and was estimated in some counties to be from two to three weeks late.

Potato pitting was completed, and tubers already pitted are stated to be keeping well. As much of the crop was raised and put into pits while wet, it was feared that this might cause undue loss from rotting. So far they are keeping well. Tubers from unsprayed fields in heavy, low-lying soils are described as soft, but the eating quality is acknowledged to be as good as in any average year. Yields varied, but the average yield per acre for the country as a whole may be under last year's, and certainly less than that of a normal year.

WHEAT AND OATS.

Small quantities of wheat were sold in a few counties at prices ranging from 25s. to 33s. per barrel, and for seed wheat up to 40s. per barrel (20 stones). The quality of the grain was stated to be scarcely fair and not so good as either barley or oats. Malting barley was steady at from 25s. to 27s. per barrel (16 stones). The proportion of barley estimated as fit for malting ranged from 60 to 70 per cent. The balance, composed of the soft and damaged grain, was kept for sale as feeding barley or retained for home use. Generally, barley was poor in condition, the grain being soft to handle and dark in colour. Good quality samples were rare, and in County Louth were either sold early or still remain unthreshed.

Oats were not so badly damaged, and in some of the Southern counties the crop is described as the best for years. Still, much of the grain was badly filled, as well as being soft and badly coloured. In counties where most threshing of oats has been done the proportion of marketable grain varied from 50 per cent. in Midland counties to 75 per cent. in Southern counties.

ROOT CROPS.

Root crops were below the average in yield. Mangels were especially deficient and returned much below the bulk of feeding obtained in other years. Turnips were fair to good on rich, dry soils, though the crop did not nearly reach average. From many counties it is reported that both root crops are regarded as not much more than half an average yield.

Supplies of hay are plentiful and the bulk of oat-straw large, though only fair in quality.

The quantity of this season's flax already scutched indicates that yields are not so good as last year and the quality of the fibre only medium. Demand for any lots cleared was firm and prices good.

The area under winter wheat was much smaller than usual, the same being true regarding catch crops.

The few dry weeks in November enabled a portion of the turf to be carted from the bogs. In some districts a decided shortage was, however, felt, and in such areas coal and timber had to be resorted to for firing. In South Clare turf met with brisk sale in local markets at around 10s. per small horse-load. In that county it is expected that once the bog passages become dry in early spring considerable relief from the existing scarcity will be obtained.

ALLEGED DIVERSION OF MONEY.

APPLICATION IN CORK COURT.

Mr. D. B. Sullivan presided at Cork District Court on Saturday last.

Mr. Maurice O'Connor, State Solicitor, made an *ex parte* application under the Public Safety (Punishment of Offences) Temporary Act, 1924, on behalf of the Ministry of Justice for an order prohibiting any transfer or other dealing with the sum of £20,000, being the value of a number of drafts purchased at the Cork branch of the National Land Bank on the London County Westminster and Parr's Bank, London. He said that during the occupation of Cork by the Irregular forces certain moneys lying to the credit of the Government Revenue Account at the Bank of Ireland, Cork, were wrongfully diverted by members of those forces to an account opened by them at the latter bank in the name of "Headquarters, No. 1 Cork Brigade." By drawings on this irregular account and other subsequent operations, part of the diverted Government moneys was made available for the purchase at the Cork branch of the National Land Bank of a number of drafts on the London County Westminster and Parr's Bank, Ltd., London. The Department of Finance got into communication with the National Land Bank, as a result of which a warning was issued and the following drafts were not honoured:—31st July, 1922, £2,000, purchased by Peter Ryan; 31st July, 1922, £2,000, purchased by Peter Ryan; 31st July, 1922, £3,000, purchased by Peter Ryan; 31st July, 1922, £3,000, purchased by Peter Ryan; 4th August, 1922, £5,000, purchased by Peter Ryan; 4th August, 1922, £5,000, purchased by Peter Ryan—£20,000.

Mr. John Crosbie, agent of the Bank of Ireland, was examined as to the drawings by the Irish Republican Army on the Customs Account, which was kept in his bank, and the opening of the Headquarters, No. 1 Cork Brigade, account.

Mr. J. McQuillan, manager of the National Land Bank, Cork, proved the purchase of £22,000 worth of drafts on the London County Westminster and Parr's Bank, Ltd., in the name of Peter Ryan. He also proved that the money for the purchase of those drafts consisted of cash and cheques drawn on the Bank of Ireland, some of which were signed "Sean McSwiney." When £2,000 of the drafts had been cashed payment was stopped, witness thought, by the authorities in Dublin, leaving £20,000 of the drafts uncashed.

Mr. O'Connor submitted that the *prima facie* evidence justified the Justice in making the order now sought.

The order was granted.

Mr. A. C. Chatterjee, the Indian High Commissioner in London, sailed from Bombay on Saturday.

STAGE AND SCREEN.

THREE PANTOMIMES.

For fifty years the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, management has provided a Christmas pantomime. Public taste has changed considerably since the Gaiety's first pantomime, "Turco the Terrible," but the management has moved with the times, and this year's production will be found equal to popular demand.

"Cinderella" is to be presented this year on an elaborate scale, with gorgeous scenery, dresses, and "effects." Children will be delighted to see "Cinderella" driving to the ball in a carriage drawn by four real ponies. The pantomime will be carried through by a company of sixty. The "book" is by Mr. T. Royal, and the music by Mr. T. P. Swanton. The production will be under the direction of Mr. Fred A. Warden.

Well-known music hall artists have been engaged for the pantomime. The principal "boy" is Miss Hilda Denton, new to the Gaiety, who has a growing reputation in Great Britain. Another new-comer is the Cinderella, Miss Teddie Butt. Others in the cast are the comedy combinations, McNaughton and McNaughton, and Scholey and Scholey. The dances, of which there are plenty, will be performed by the Mozelle Troupe. The new taste in music is catered for by Mr. Fred Saker and his modern band, while the theatre orchestra will provide the more orthodox musical attraction.

The first performance will begin at 2 o'clock on Boxing Day afternoon. There will be performances every evening at 7.30, and matinées every week-day for the first week. After that there will be the usual twice a week afternoon performances.

"The Barnstormers," a revue, will be the attraction at the Theatre Royal this week. There are twenty scenes. The cast is headed by Jack Morrison, who was associated with "The Bing Boys" at the Alhambra; "The Whirligig" at the Palace, and "Pins and Needles" at the Gaiety Theatre, London. Mabel Lait heads the feminine artistes, and others in the cast are Dan Whitely, Jack Leopold, Daly Cooper, Violet Parry, Ailsa Mooney, and Marjorie Cooper. The Devil M'Cares Troupe of dancers and the St. Bernard Octette will take part in the revue.

The Christmas pantomime, "Babes in the Wood," will open a two weeks' engagement at the Olympia Theatre on Boxing Day with a matinée at 2.30 and two performances each evening at 7 and 9 o'clock. Bobbe Graham, who will play the part of the Dame, has appeared in nineteen similar productions, and was one of the Troupe of Juveniles in Tom White's Arabs which visited Dublin twenty years ago. Bruce Cameron will fill the rôle of the Baron, and Olive Aubrey will be the maid. Other characters will be taken by Cissie Nadene (Robin Hood), Doris West (Little John), Clarice Caine (Phyllis). Special "turns" will be introduced by Grar and Grar, Laura Little's Six "Spot-Lights," and Madam Cordell's Six Petites.

Lady Gregory's "Aristotle's Bellows," a three-act comedy, and Kenneth Sarr's "Old Mag" will be performed at the Abbey Theatre to-night, to-morrow, next Friday and Saturday evenings, and at the matinées at 2.30 each afternoon. "Old Mag" will be a first production, the author of which is the winner of the first prize in the Dramatic Section of the Tailteann Games with "The Passing."

The pantomime, "Puss-in-Boots," will be presented by Harry Burns in the Queen's Theatre to-night. The Fairy Queen will be played by Hilda Harris, and the Slave by Dorothy Maguire, grand-daughters of the late Dan Lowry. The parts of principal Boy and Girl are allotted to Mabel Reeve and Hester Reeve. "Turns" will be provided by Iris Holden's Fantoches and Lottie Stone's Sixteen Dancers.

The Tivoli Theatre will re-open to-night with a variety bill, comprising the Dixie Minstrels, Nellie Stoole, Joe Masterson, and The Fanjacks.

CINEMAS.

"The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" will be shown again at La Scala Theatre this week. The prologue and incidental songs will be sung by Miss Gertrude Mortimer, soprano.

Bessy Compson and Conway Tearle appear in "The Rustle of Silk," at the Metropole Cinema, Sackville street, this week.

The management of the Grafton Cinema will show "The Temperary Husband." The cast includes Owen Moore, Sylvia Breamer, and Syd Chaplin. There will be musical interludes each day at 3 and 8.15 p.m.

"The Eternal Struggle," with Earle Williams, Babara la Marr, and Wallace Beery in the chief parts, will be shown at the Carlton Cinema.

For the first part of the week "The White Tiger," in which the chief *rôle* is played by Priscilla Dean, will be shown at the Princess Cinema, Rathmines. On Friday and Saturday the film, "What Price Loving Cup?" a sporting story, in which Violet Hopson, takes the leading part, will be shown.

SHOTS AT A POLICE PATROL.

MAN ARRESTED AFTER TWO YEARS.

At a special court in Armagh on Saturday, a young man named Thomas Beatty, of Keady, was returned for trial on a charge of having attempted to murder the following members of the Carnagh platoon of Special Constabulary on October 8th, 1922:—Edward Lockhart, Wilson J. Shorten, James Moffat, John Gray and W. J. McCahon.

Beatty was arrested in Airdrie, Scotland, a short time ago.

District Inspector Conran prosecuted and Mr. Patrick Lavery defended.

Special Constable McCahon said that he was on patrol on the night of October 8th, 1922, with other policemen on a road near the Free State border when he saw two men coming towards Keady from the Free State. He recognised the accused as one of them; the second man was Terence Watters. When twelve yards away Beatty drew a revolver and fired three shots at the police. At the same time Watters and Constable Moffat with a revolver. Afterwards he shot Constable Shorten. The two assailants then ran back towards a gate, and the witness opened fire with his rifle, and saw Watters fall. Beatty continued to run in the direction of the Free State, and the witness fired five rounds at him, but none of them took effect.

John Gray, who is not now in the Special Police, but was one of another patrol that night, said that he fired at two men whom he saw running towards the border. Afterwards Watters's body was found lying across a hedge.

James Moffat, one of the Specials who was wounded that night, and is now a driller in Belfast, said that he could not identify the person who wounded him.

Sergeant Carey, Royal Ulster Constabulary, Keady, said that he knew Beatty well, and had not seen him in Keady since May, 1922. He arrested him in Airdrie in the present month, and he heard Beatty say to his brother, "All they can give me is two or three years."

The King received in audience at Buckingham Palace Mr. Justice MacKinnon, on whom he conferred the honour of knighthood.

Cadbury's Chocolates

BOURNVILLE CHOCOLATE		1d. BARS
CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE	MILK AND NUT MILK	2d.
CADBURY'S MILK CHOC.	ALSO WITH NUTS ½-lb. BLOCK	1/5
BOURNVILLE CHOCOLATE	ALSO WITH NUTS ½-lb. BLOCK	1/3
TRAY CHOCOLATE (MILK AND PLAIN)	Per ¼ lb.	9½d.
BOURNVILLE & TUDOR ASS'MTS	" "	10½d.
WARWICK & BOSTON ASS'MTS	" "	7½d.

BOURNVILLE COCOA 8d PER ¼-lb. ½-lb.-1/3½ 1-lb.-2/6½

See the name CADBURY on every piece of Chocolate

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

THE PANTOMIMES.

HOTEL GALAS AND TRAIN EXCURSIONS.

The spirit of Christmas has descended on the land. The holiday atmosphere brightens the streets and the spirits of the people.

In Dublin and the provinces hotels have prepared for gala entertainments. The railways have arranged a fine service of excursion trains. Post Office plans for the delivery of Christmas letters are announced.

"POST EARLY."

ONE DELIVERY ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

With the approach of Christmas Dublin's streets and shops have assumed a very animated appearance.

The Yuletide atmosphere has enveloped the city. Christmas presents for the grown-ups and toys for the youngsters are attractively displayed in brilliantly lighted windows, and preparations for a fitting celebration of the festive season are now in full swing. The spirit of "Christmas Present" is abroad, and the opinion of Ebenezer Scrooge, that "all who go about with 'A Merry Christmas' on their lips should be boiled with their own plum puddings and buried with a sprig of holly through their hearts," is most noticeable by its absence.

A gala season has been provided by the city hotels for those who are obliged to spend their Christmas in Dublin.

At the Metropole there will be a grand Yuletide ball on St. Stephen's night, under the direction of Miss Rita North and Mr. Val North.

A snow battle will be fought at midnight, and Father Christmas will present handsome gifts and souvenirs. The music is to be supplied by the Adelaide Melody Band. On New Year's Eve an equally attractive programme, comprising the latest novelties, will be presented.

On Christmas Eve there will be a dance in Clery's ballroom from 8 to 12 o'clock, and again on Saturday night, December 27th.

Fred Saker and his "gaiety" London Band and the Adelaide Orpheus Band will play at the New Year's Eve ball, which will also be held in Clery's ballroom.

The usual attractive programme will be provided at the Grand Hotel, Greystones. It includes dances, concerts, and fancy dress balls.

GALA ARRANGEMENTS.

The management of Ross's Hotel, Kingstown, have arranged for a whist drive on Christmas Eve, a concert, gala dinner, dancing and games on Christmas Day, and a gala dinner and fancy dress dance on St. Stephen's Day, when prizes will be given for the best fancy dresses.

At the Claremont Hotel, Howth, a novelty dance will be given on St. Stephen's night, and at the Salthill Hotel there will be a gala dinner and dance on Christmas Day; a children's dance and Christmas tree on St. Stephen's Day, and dancing on Friday and Saturday nights from 8 to 12 o'clock.

At gala dinners the dining room is brilliantly illuminated, the turkey and plum pudding are received with an unanimous welcome, balloons and streamers float about the room, and, in general, such an atmosphere of cordiality is provided that it would be difficult to find oneself in a more "Christmassy" environment. To spend Christmas in a hotel is to spend Christmas well.

IN THE PROVINCES.

Christmas in the country is no less enjoyable, and North and South there are numerous resorts where the Christmas fare and entertainments will meet the most exacting tastes of those who desire a really happy time during the festive season. At St. Ann's Hill Hydropathic, Blarney; the Grand Hotel, Tramore; and the Great Northern Hotel, Rostrevor, elaborate programmes have been arranged by the respective managements for their guests.

The Great Southern Railway Company has arranged the running of excursion trains during the Christmas holidays at single fare and one-third, and the Great Northern Railway Company is granting a similar concession. Passengers from Dublin may obtain tickets at the offices of Messrs. Cook and Son, Grafton street, and Messrs. Wallis and Sons, Bachelor's Walk. Cheap bookings will be given from the principal stations to London, etc., *via* Rosslare, Fishguard, Kingstown, and Holyhead.

These tickets will be available for 15 days.

The London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company is also issuing excursion tickets. On Tuesday a special train will leave Westland Row at 7.45 p.m., and at 8.15 a special mail steamer will sail from Kingstown.

POST OFFICE PLANS.

To meet the requirements of the pressure period a number of additional premises will be provided, as in other seasons. The National Schools in Marlborough street will be used as an auxiliary parcel office; and in the Rathmines, Pembroke, Phibsborough and James's street districts temporary offices will also be provided. During the days of greatest pressure collections will be made hourly from 10.0 a.m. to 5.0 p.m., and there will be relief deliveries where necessary.

It has been found necessary to provide again this year additional premises at Lower Abbey street, to meet the difficulty created by the destruction of the Rotunda Rink Post Office. At these premises all letters for delivery in the central area will be handled, thereby setting free the Central Sorting Office at 10 Parnell square for the disposal of provincial and foreign mails.

Within the last few days there have been received from the U.S.A.—

17,000 registered articles,
320,000 small letters,
17,000 newspapers,

and these include a considerable proportion of Christmas matter. Extra despatches have been arranged to and from the provinces. To cope with the extra work a staff of 660 temporary men has been engaged.

Letters intended for delivery in the Free State, Great Britain and Northern Ireland by Christmas Day must be posted not later than 8.30 p.m. on the 22nd December.

Parcels for delivery in the Free State by Christmas Day must be posted not later than 3 p.m. to-day.

On Christmas Day there will be one delivery of letters and parcels, and on Boxing Day there will be no delivery.

PANTOMIMES.

Excellent Christmas fare will be provided in the Dublin theatres, and the following pantomimes have been booked:—"Cinderella"—Gaiety Theatre; "Babes in the Wood"—Olympia Theatre; and "Puss-in-Boots"—Queen's Theatre.

There will be the usual annual entertainments in charitable institutions and hospitals.

DAIRY OFFENDERS.

PUNISHED FOR UNCLEANLY PREMISES.

In the Dublin District Court on Saturday, Patrick Tuite, Beresford street, and John Redhouse, Railway street, were fined £2 10s. and £1 respectively for permitting employés to work in dairies in an unclean state.

James O'Connor, Smithfield, was fined £1 for failing to have either a water supply in his dairy yard at Nerney's court or a store for milk vessels. He was ordered to pay a further £1 for neglecting to supply an employé with water to wash his hands. On a third charge, of uncleanliness in his dairy, he was fined an additional £1.

A fine of £1 was imposed on Patrick Hanratty, North King street, for failing to have milk protected by a covering.

King Alfonso's condition improved yesterday. He is able to receive Ministers, although he remains confined to his apartment.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

DUBLIN UNION COMMISSIONERS.—At a meeting of the Dublin Borough Commissioners last Saturday the following statement was made:—"A scheme for certain important public works not provided for in the Estimates having been prepared and submitted to the Government, we are pleased to be in a position to state that the Government has expressed its willingness to allocate to the City of Dublin a large sum of money for these works on certain conditions. The Commissioners have undertaken to supply the necessary materials. A start has been made, and already about 500 men have been given employment." The Rev. Patrick Hayden, C.C., the Presbytery, Francis street, was appointed to the South-West Divisional School Attendance Committee in succession to Mr. H. F. Shields, resigned.

ROTUNDA HOSPITAL LINEN GUILD.—Last Saturday afternoon the friends of the Linen Guild of the Rotunda Hospital attended at the hospital. After tea a choir of nurses sang some Christmas carols. The report of the operations of the Guild recorded a successful year's work. Linen articles to the value of £140 10s. were supplied to the hospital.

POSTAL OFFICIAL RETIRES.—On the occasion of his retirement from the Post Office last Thursday Mr. C. J. M'Cormack was presented with a clock and umbrella for Mrs. M'Cormack from the boy messengers; a smoker's cabinet from former messengers who have passed into other branches, and a gold chain and medal from the assistant head postmen. Mr. G. Healy made the presentation on behalf of the boys and Mr. C. Garrett on behalf of the assistant head postmen. Mr. J. J. Kenny, Controller of Telegraphs, spoke of Mr. M'Cormack's service in the Post Office and his popularity with his subordinates. A large gathering of the boy messengers and members of all grades were present at the presentations.

CHILDREN'S BALL.—Mr. and Mrs. Leggett Byrne's annual children's fancy dress ball was held at 27 Adelaide road last week, and was a very happy function. Prizes were awarded to those whose costumes best represented titles of magazines or newspapers. Presents were distributed from a Christmas tree.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS.—Prof. Culverwell, F. Duffy, H. Brown, Miss Disney, Lieut.-Gen. Kavanagh, R. Mulcahy, T. Timmons, R. F. Browne, H. Beatty, R. N. D. Tandy, J. A. Murphy, R. Whitecroft, J. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Reilly, W. F. French, M. Walsh, M. Haugh, Miss A. Mathwin, Miss O'Farrell, Miss E. Dix, T. Gahan, L. Beatty, J. B. Robertson, M. Healey, H. W. Flanagan, T. Lutgens, Miss O'Reilly, Mrs. Syths, Miss Mellor, Miss Sullivan, Miss Fogarty, Miss R. Millar, Miss Maloney, Miss Murray, Miss Murray, B. Murray, H. M. Atkinson, H. McDonald, Master Cowkey, Miss McKenna, Miss Sheehan, P. Byrne, T. Cairnes, L. Short, R. Leeming, W. J. McMullen, W. Cronheim.

DEPARTURES.—H. Gaskell, E. B. Keating, Miss Hall, L. D. Morse, T. Cullinan, A. Yorke, E. H. Woods, G. Goalen, J. Wills, T. A. McGutcheon, Y. Abulafia, Miss N. M. Wright, Mrs. Thornley, Mr. and Mrs. Hardcastle, Mr. and Mrs. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Burns, Miss Burns, G. Landrin, H. Morrow, L. Handy, S. G. Knott, Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, T. O'Leary, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

CONNAUGHT.

"NATURAL" TO GET POTEEN.—John Murphy, of Denyhick, was charged at Castlebar with being in possession of a jar containing three pints of poteen. For the defence it was urged that the man was poor and had six children, and when he could not buy whiskey, which was too dear, he thought the natural thing was to get a drop of poteen. A fine of £6 and costs was imposed.

THE KING'S BOUNTY.—The Governor-General, through the Ministry of Finance, has sent £3 to Mrs. O'Donnell, the wife of a small farmer, Turlough, Co. Mayo, who has given birth to triplets.

LEINSTER.

TRESPASSING ANIMALS ON BRAY HEAD.—Mrs. David Frame, Castle Abbey, Bray, at Bray District Court on Saturday prosecuted a number of persons for allowing horses to trespass in a field at Bray Head. It was said that the defendants, who did not own any land, were making a regular common of the plaintiff's property. Horses were turned in night after night and gates were damaged. Fines of 6d. and 10s. costs in each case were imposed.

UNRELIABLE BUDGETS.—The Minister for Local Government has informed the Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, Rural District Council that it has come under his notice that when preparing the last estimates the Council made insufficient provision for ascertained liabilities, and will accordingly be faced with deficits at the end of the financial year. The Department asks the Council to take steps to prepare *data* covering the whole field of local expenditure and to review its past operations and probable requirements, so that economical and reliable budgets may be framed.

BRAVERY RECOGNISED.—Sergeant Spillane, of the National Army, Kilkenny, and George Standing, Patrick street, Kilkenny, were, at a meeting of the Kilkenny Corporation, presented with the parchment certificates awarded by the Royal Humane Society for gallantry, displayed in attempting to save the life of Thomas Dalton, who drowned himself in the River Nore last August.

EDUCATION ACT "FARCE."—Unless it was proved to his satisfaction that a child did not make the required seventy-five attendances in six months he could not make the order sought, said the magistrate at Kilkenny in refusing to grant attendance orders against parents. He described the Education Act as a pure farce, as administered at the present time.

1s. FOR VACCINATION "RECRUITS."—Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, District Council is to pay a shilling to the local sub-sanitary officers for each vaccination defaulter who is prevailed upon to comply with the law.

MUNSTER.

WORK FOR CLARE.—Clare County Council has drafted a scheme for expending £20,000 on quarrying, road repairs and improvements to sea walls. The Council hopes to get a grant from the Government forthwith.

ULSTER.

UNLICENSED TOBACCO SALE.—Thomas Henry Green, shopkeeper, Dromore, Rossnowlagh, was fined £12 (with a recommendation that it be reduced to £6) at Ballintra, Co. Donegal, for selling tobacco without a licence.

Five steam-rollers were driven from Dublin to Castlebar in eight days.

Late on Saturday night two armed men robbed James Mackle, a porter, at Glenageary Station of 30s.

An inquest will be held in the Dublin Morgue to-day into the death of Harry Winder, no address, who was drowned in the River Liffey yesterday morning.

In the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Gardiner street, yesterday, the Rev. Patrick Power made an appeal for aid for St. Joseph's Girls' Orphanage, Mountjoy street, Dublin.

A United Parade Service of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides took place last night at Sandford Parish Church, Dublin, when the Guide colours were dedicated.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF SUGGESTION.—In reply to a communication from the Northern Ministry of Labour urging that works of public utility should be promoted to provide employment, the Moira, Co. Down, Rural District Council states that it has not enough money to do as suggested. It draws the Ministry's attention to the necessity for cleaning drains and water courses, which would be a great benefit to the agricultural community. Many men who are drawing the dole might be employed on the work.

BALLYGAWLEY ELECTRICITY.—An application is to be made to the Electricity Commissioners for Northern Ireland for a special order to authorise the use of land for the purpose of an electricity generating station and the generating, sale and distribution of electricity, in Ballygawley, Grange, Lisbeg, and Richmond.

N.S.P.C.A. AND PIGEON SHOOTING.—Lurgan branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has instructed its inspector to attend the pigeon shooting contests in the locality during the Christmas holidays and make a report as to the conditions under which the matches are carried out.

BELFAST CIVIC ELECTIONS.—A Nationalist meeting was held in Belfast last Friday in connection with the forthcoming Municipal Elections. It was decided to recommend to a conference that has been summoned for next Monday that the following wards should be contested:—Falls, Smithfield, Court, and Dock. This decision will be ratified by the conference.

RURAL COUNCIL AND ECONOMY.—Clones Rural Council has passed a resolution calling on Monaghan County Council to hold a special meeting to consider the necessity for economy and retrenchment in all the services of the State.

MONAGHAN MURDER CHARGE.

TWO MEN IN CUSTODY.

For seven hours on Saturday Mr. Goff, District Justice, was occupied in hearing, at Castleblayney, a case, in which two young men named Michael Joyce and James Carroll were charged with the wilful murder of John Hughes, a dealer in old clothes, who died in the Dundalk Infirmary a week ago.

The allegation against the accused is that they had had an altercation with the deceased man about the breaking of a tail light on their motor lorry, and that they beat him. They deny this, and state that they demanded six shillings from Hughes for the damage done to the lamp, and that when he paid this money they placed him on his cart and parted good friends. A short time afterwards Hughes was found by Dr. Kieran lying on the road, and when he was removed to the Infirmary it was discovered that there were severe injuries about the head and body, and some ribs were broken.

The accused are employed by Mr. Bernard McGeough, merchant, Castleblayney. Joyce is aged 24 and a motor driver. He is a native of Killagola, Co. Monaghan. Carroll, who is only seventeen years of age, is a shop assistant and a native of Annagassan, Co. Louth. On the day of the altercation he had taken advantage of his half holiday to take a ride to Monaghan with Joyce in his master's lorry.

A declaration made by Hughes to the Civic Guards was not admitted by the Justice, as the Guard who took the declaration stated that Hughes said that he knew he had a poor chance of recovery. Mr. Goff held that when Hughes did not believe that he was in imminent danger of death he could not admit the declaration.

In addition to the capital charge, the State also preferred charges of assault against the accused, and of obtaining six shillings by menaces.

Mr. J. J. Keenan, State Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. Charles Laverty defended.

The Court admitted a deposition made by the deceased man while in the County Infirmary, when the men were charged with the minor offences. He alleged that the big fellow (Joyce) caught him by the throat and demanded six shillings for the tail light, and that he gave it to him. He added: "I was knocked down by whom I am not sure. I am not sure which of them knocked me down. These are the two men who attacked me and demanded money." He stated that he had a few drinks, but was not drunk.

Sergeant Ward stated that both men denied having interfered with Hughes, and said that when he paid for the damage to the light they put him on his cart and said "good night" to him.

Mr. Laverty asked for the discharge of the accused, submitting that there was no evidence upon which any jury could convict them. He suggested that Hughes had fallen from his cart and had been trampled upon by his horse, which was afterwards found two miles away.

The accused were remanded in custody.

CLERICAL APPOINTMENT.

The Rev. John T. Armstrong, Rector of Ballyphilip, Portaferry, Co. Down, has been appointed Rector of Ballymoney, Co. Antrim. Mr. Armstrong is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and was ordained in 1909 as Curate of Ballymore. He has been Rector of Ballyphilip since 1921.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Dublin Corporation Commissioners have accepted a recommendation of the Streets Committee that Fish street shall in future be called Castleforbes road. Fish street runs from the North Wall to Sheriff street, and contains a furniture factory, creosoting works, stables, cement store, a vacant factory, and one or two small dwellings.

THE RAILWAY BOARDS.

A SENATOR'S EXPERIENCE.

Senator J. T. O'Farrell (Irish Secretary, Railway Clerks' Association), speaking at the annual meeting of the Dundalk Branch, said that after one year's experience of the new Railway Councils and Railway Boards, the Association's representatives were convinced that, if worked in a proper spirit, the machinery could effect a revolution in the relationships between the workers and the management, and settle in a rational and amicable way many disputes which were hitherto the fruitful source of sporadic strikes and constant bitterness and friction. He regretted, however, to state that the policy of the larger companies towards the machinery was not what it might be. The general managers were withholding even the semblance of power or discretion from the companies' representatives on the Sectional Councils and the Central Wages Boards, with the result that in many cases the minutes of the meetings were merely a dismal record of failures to agree. The attitude of the companies, if persisted in, would force the trade unions to end the farce, and the companies would have to accept responsibility for the consequences.

Mr. E. O'Carroll (Executive Council Representative) said that the Railway Councils' Association was stronger than at any previous period. In two years the Irish membership had increased by 40 per cent., and the financial reserves were now in the neighbourhood of £300,000.

WATERFORD MEETING.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Waterford Branch, Senator O'Farrell said that there was no need for any alarm on the part of the railway employés because of the reorganisation of departments now going on. The Railway Clerks' Association, through its industrial machinery and legal equipment, would see that the protection contained in the Railways Act would be extended to all its members.

PEDIGREE STOCK.

NEW IMPORTATION MEASURE INTRODUCED.

Great Britain is introducing a new measure concerning the importation of pedigree stock. The text of the bill, which is presented by Mr. Edward Wood, supported by Mr. Amery and Colonel Sir John Gilmour, was issued last Saturday.

It empowers the Minister of Agriculture to make orders for allowing on conditions any cattle, sheep, goats or swine brought from any part of His Majesty's Dominions which are shown to his satisfaction to be registered as pedigree stock in a herd or flock book recognised by him to be landed in Great Britain without being subjected to the provisions of the third schedule to the Diseases of Animals Act relating to slaughter at the port of landing.

BUTCHERS AND CHRISTMAS WEEK.

Letters have passed between the Dublin Victuallers' Association and the Operative Butchers' Section of the Workers' Union regarding working hours in the present week. For the convenience of the public, the Association fixed the following hours:—Monday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., regular employés to be paid for Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day. The Workers' Union announce that the men will work the following hours:—Monday, 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.; Saturday to be observed as a holiday. The employers have sent a letter to the Workers' Union stating that if the employés refuse to work on Saturday for the hours stipulated by them they will do so at their own expense.

"His Master's Voice"

GOOD NEWS FOR DANCERS

The SAVOY ORPHEANS AND THE SAVOY HAVANA BAND

at the Savoy Hotel, London,

NOW RECORD EXCLUSIVELY FOR "His Master's Voice"

12-inch Double-sided Plum Label Record, 4/6

Savoy English Medley—One Step (Savoy Orpheans)
Fantasie—One Step (Syncopated Favourites) (Savoy Havana Band, The Selma Four, Savoy Orpheans) C 1179

10-inch Double-sided Plum Label Records, 3/- each

Why did you call me wonderful one?—Fox Trot (Savoy Orpheans) / Go 'long Mule—Fox Trot (Savoy Orpheans) B 1919
All alone—Waltz (Savoy Orpheans) / Hum a little tune—Fox Trot (Savoy Orpheans) B 1915
Challapinata—Fox Trot (Savoy Orpheans) / Just like a beautiful story—Fox Trot (Savoy Orpheans) B 1916
Dream Daddy—Fox Trot (Savoy Orpheans) / Driftwood—Fox Trot (Savoy Havana Band) B 1917
Childhood's Memories—One Step, Parts 1 & 2 (Savoy Havana Band) B 1918

The First Concert of Syncopated Music by the Savoy Orpheans Augmented Symphonic Orchestra and the Savoy Havana Band will take place at the QUEEN'S HALL, LONDON, on JAN. 3rd, 1925. The outstanding successes of this concert will be recorded exclusively on "His Master's Voice."

THE GRAMOPHONE CO., LTD. 363-367 OXFORD STREET, LONDON, W.1.

"His Master's Voice" products can be obtained only from The Gramophone Company's accredited dealers. Write for name of nearest dealer in your locality.

The Largest Selection of "His Master's Voice" Instruments and Records in Ireland

CATALOGUES FREE.

PIGOTT AND CO. LTD.

112 GRAFTON STREET,

CORK. DUBLIN. LIMERICK.

Brown Thomas ARE NOW FULLY STOCKED WITH "His Master's Voice" DOUBLE-SIDED CELEBRITY RECORDS.

Also the LATEST RECORDS and GRAMOPHONES.

BROWN, THOMAS & CO., LTD., GRAFTON ST., DUBLIN.

Result of Mr. Kiwi's 'Happy Phrase' Competition

In the panel below are the ten slogans reproduced in the order according to their advertising value as decided by the judges:—

H1. "KIWI" makes old boots like new.
B2. "KIWI" Black is as good as the Tan.
E3. "KIWI" is unrivalled for brilliancy.
I4. "KIWI" is a perfect waterproof and leather dressing.
C5. "KIWI" keeps good shoes good.
D6. "KIWI" keeps your boots in walking order.
A7. "KIWI" makes smart shoes smarter.
F8. "KIWI" is the best polish—the best is always cheapest.
G9. "KIWI" reflects your smart appearance.
J10. "KIWI" is a pleasure to use.

Prizes have been awarded and cheques dispatched as follows:—

1st Prize £200 divided between two competitors who gained full points. Mr. Robert Craddock, "Hillington," Streetly, Staffordshire. Mr. A. V. Noble, 2 Station Parade, Tooting Junction, S.W.

2nd Prize £100 divided between two competitors who gained 94% points. Mr. Athelstan Leslie Griggs, 108 Lymington Avenue, Wood Green, N. 22. Mr. Henry Thornton Jenkins, 9 Sandon Street, Falkner Square, Liverpool.

3rd Prize £50 Competitor gained 92% points. Mr. Frances Stroud, 17 Sydenham Terrace, Southsea, Hants.

4th Prize £10 Competitor gained 80% points. Miss Betty Robertson, Craigilea, Craigellachie, Banffshire.

5 Prizes of £5 each to the following competitors who obtained 69% points. Mr. F. C. Shepherd, 15 Bonner Road, Victoria Park, E. 2. Miss Edna Moce, 11 Craven Street, Nelson, Lancs. Mrs. Sharpe, 18 Greys Road, Old Eastbourne. Mr. H. Beckett, 20 Cliveden Road, Hough Green, Chester. Mr. M. L. Powell, 13 Dorinda Street, Barnsbury, N. 7. Miss P. Elan, Bramcote, Scarborough.

11 Prizes of £1 to the following competitors each of whom obtained 56% points. Mr. Ernest Warburton, Warrington, Lancs. Mrs. E. Hudson, Walsall. Mrs. Walker, Edinburgh. Mr. J. Watt, c/o Craig, Edinburgh. Mr. A. Roberts, Walthamstow, E. 17. Mr. Angus MacFarlane, Cametra, Mull. Mrs. R. Lockhart, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Mrs. Hampshire, Burley-in-Wharfedale. Mr. Sam. J. Peploe, Hampton-in-Arden, Birmingham. Mr. E. McEwan, Springburn, Glasgow. Mrs. Amy King, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Kent.

Consolation prizes are being dispatched immediately.

Bonuses to the Dealers who supplied the winning competitors. £50 divided between Mr. W. Elson, Boot Repairer, Burnett Road, Streetly, Staffordshire. Messrs. P. H. Galloway Ltd., 154-162 Walworth Road, London, S.E. £25 divided between Messrs. Upass's Ltd., 12a Cheapside, High Road, Wood Green, N. Messrs. W. Abbott & Sons, Ltd., 36-38 Ct. Charlotte Street, Liverpool. £10 to Mr. Fredk. Atkey, Southsea, Hants. £5 to Messrs. Mowatt Supply Stores, Craigellachie. Six bonuses of 20/- each to Mr. G. Hines, Walthamstow, E. Mr. J. Kewley, Nelson, Lancs. Mr. W. Mainwaring, Eastbourne. Messrs. Willey & Co., Chester. Mr. H. Edwards, Islington, N. Civil Service Supply Association, Ltd., London, E.C. Eleven bonuses of 10/- each to Mr. Morley, Warrington. Mrs. Perrins, Walsall. Messrs. R. Walker & Co., Edinburgh. Messrs. P. & C.S.S.A. Ltd., Edinburgh. Mr. T. T. Walton, Walthamstow, E. Messrs. A. Maclean & Co., Anderston, Glasgow. Mr. J. Carruthers, Thornhill South. Messrs. Sterlings Ltd., Otley. Mr. Barnell, Hampton-in-Arden. Messrs. Brown's Stores, Glasgow. Messrs. Burros's Stores, Gravesend.

The judges decision in this competition is final and no correspondence can be entered into regarding it. It is well to remember the two first "KIWI" slogans:—"To make old boots like new—the 8 ask is as good as the Tan." Countless users will heartily endorse this statement!

THE KIWI POLISH CO. PTY. LTD., Finchley, London, N.3

The people of Europe have but just emerged from the Valley of the Shadow of Death, and the chill of that dread passage is still in their very bones.—Mr. Stanley Baldwin.

No matter where you go in the world you meet Etonians. They form probably the largest freemasonry in existence.—H. N. Brinton.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

GAIETY THEATRE.

THE HOME OF PANTOMIME.
FRIDAY NEXT, DEC. 26th, AT 2 O'CLOCK.
EVERY EVENING AT 7.30.
THE GAIETY GRAND ANNUAL PANTOMIME,
CINDERELLA,
PRODUCED BY F. W. WARDEN.
George McNaughton, Jack McNaughton, Scholey and Scholey, Malvina, Frank Varney, Hilda Denton, Betty Le Brocke, Doris Craske, Teddie Butt, The Moselle Sparkling Eight.
Special engagement of Fred Saker and his Gaiety Band
FULL CHORUS. AUGMENTED ORCHESTRA
MATINEES Friday Next and Saturday, and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday the following week.
Every Wednesday and Saturday afterwards.
USUAL PRICES. NOW BOOKING.

OLYMPIA THEATRE

(LATE EMPIRE).
TWICE NIGHTLY .... 7 and 9.
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY, at 2.30, and Twice Nightly until Further Notice.
THE GRAND XMAS. PANTOMIME,
"BABES IN THE WOOD,"
Presented by Herbert Barnes.
Powerful Cast of Pantomime Artistes includes:— Cissie Nadene, Olive Aubrey, Doris West, Dorothy and Betty Rene, Bruce Cameron, Bobbie Graham, Grar and Grar, Will Pfounds, Audrey Beauchamp, Laura Little's Six Spotlights, and Madam Cordell's Six Petites.
AUGMENTED ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS.
NEW SCENERY AND GORGEOUS DRESSES.
Box Office 10-6. 'Phone 3708.

ABBEY THEATRE.

TO-NIGHT (MONDAY), TUESDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, at 8 p.m. Matinées FRIDAY and SATURDAY, at 2.30.
First Production of "OLD MAG," By KENNETH SARR.
"ARISTOTLE'S BELLOWS," By Lady GREGORY.
Booking at Theatre. 'Phone 3268.
And at Clery's, Lower O'Connell street.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

TO-DAY (MONDAY), DECEMBER 22, 1924.
TWICE NIGHTLY .... 6.50 and 9.
MATINEES FRIDAY and SATURDAY NEXT.
Afterwards Wednesdays and Saturdays
Special Matinee New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan. 1.
MR. HARRY BURNS PRESENTS
A GRAND COMIC PANTOMIME,
"PUSS-IN-BOOTS."
Star Cast includes:
THE SISTERS REEVE as Principal Boy and Girl, Dorothy Maguire, Harry Budd, Frank Weir, Bella, Babette Reed, Fred Wynne, Hilda Harris, Jimmy Morris, Peggy Melrose, and THE NEW MACS, Dublin's Own Favourites, as Horace and Percy.
Specialities:—Iris Holden's "Fantoches" and Lottie Stone's Famous Sixteen Dancers. Augmented Orchestra under the direction of Fred R. Wyatt. The entire production under the personal supervision of Mr. HARRY BURNS.

BOHEMIAN PICTURE THEATRE. PHIBSBORO' ROAD.

TO-DAY, TO-MORROW and WEDNESDAY ONLY.
"THE SILENT COMMAND."
A Spectacular and Pulsating Drama of Love and Intrigue on the High Seas. Also Comedy, Gazette, Etc., Etc.
MISS EILEEN GUNNING (SOPRANO),
And
MISS AGNES O'KELLY (CONTRALTO).
In "Gems" from Popular Operas during the Evening Performance.
Continuous, 4.30 to 10.30 p.m. Usual Admission.

THE CARLTON.

"THE ETERNAL STRUGGLE,"
Featuring EARLE WILLIAMS, BARBARA LA MARR and WALLACE BEERY.

THE SACKVILLE PICTURE HOUSE. MAE MARSH, in "THE FLAMES OF PASSION," From the Novel of the same name.

PRINCESS, RATHMINES.

"THE WHITE TIGER," 3 to 10.30. Starring PRISCILLA DEANE.
Friday and Saturday—"WHAT PRICE LOVING CUP?" Starring VIOLET HOPSON.

METROPOLE.

BETTY COMPSON AND CONWAY TEARLE IN "THE RUSTLE OF SILK," By COSMO HAMILTON.
DAILY, at 2.30, 4.45, 7.0 and 9.15 p.m.

THE METROPOLE.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES.
ST. STEPHEN'S NIGHT, DECEMBER 26th.
GRAND YULETIDE BALL.
Under the direction of Miss Rita North and Mr. Val North.
CHARMING SYMBOLIC DANCES BY Miss North and her clever young pupils.
SNOW BATTLE AT 12 O'CLOCK.
Handsome Gifts and Novelties will be presented by FATHER CHRISTMAS.
ADELAIDE MELODY BAND.
DANCING, 9.30 p.m.-4.0 a.m. TICKETS............ (including Supper and Running Buffet) 21/-
Tickets may be obtained from Manager, Metropole ('Phone 3279), or from Miss North, 5 Earlsfort place, Adelaide road.
NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31st.
An equally attractive Programme, with Special Features symbolical of the Season.
Wednesday, 24th December, Saturday, 27th December } The Dansant, 4-6 p.m. Tickets .... 3/-. (Including Afternoon Tea.)
THE EARLSFORT BAND.

GRAND CENTRAL.

"THE MAN OF THE FOREST," BY ZANE GREY.

AONAĊ NA NOḊLAG.

OWING TO THE SUCCESS OF THE AONAC, it has been decided to continue it TO-DAY (MONDAY) and TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.
BOOKS, CALENDARS, CHOCOLATES, KNITTED GOODS, JEWELLERY, TOYS, AND A VARIETY OF OTHER SUITABLE XMAS GIFTS, All Irish Made, and all Most Moderate.
COME TO-DAY.
40 UPPER O'CONNELL STREET.

ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS,

PHŒNIX PARK, DUBLIN.
LIONS, ELEPHANT, SEA LIONS, GIANT TORTOISES, MONKEYS, LEOPARDS AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS.
DEC. 25, 26, 27 and 28. Half Price.

XMAS. SALTHILL HOTEL, DANCING.

Thursday, 25th Dec.—Gala Dinner and Dance, 7 to 12 o'clock.
Friday, 26th—Children's Dance and Xmas Tree, 3 to 6 o'clock.
Friday, 26th—Dancing, 8 to 12 o'clock.
Saturday, 27th—Dancing, 8 to 12 o'clock.

XMAS TREAT FOR CHILDREN AT "ASTORIA," 16 DAWSON STREET.

MONDAY, 22nd INST. 4.30—5.30.
A BIG SURPRISE.
No extra charge for entertainment.

ROSS'S HOTEL, LTD., DUN LAOGHAIRE.

CHRISTMAS DAY, AFTERNOON TEA and CONCERT.
GALA DINNER DANCING and GAMES.
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY, GALA DINNER and FANCY DRESS DANCE.
Mr. A. D. BUTLER'S BAND.

EDUCATION.

MOUNT COLLEGE, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

BOARDING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.
Highly Qualified Staff. Thorough Education on modern lines. Preparation for Matriculation, Cambridge Locals and Associated Board of Royal Academy and Royal College of Music.
A limited number of Vacancies, with Special Terms for Irish Pupils.
PROSPECTUS ON APPLICATION.

(FOR ADVERTISEMENT INDEX SEE PAGE 4.)

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL.

6.45 .... TWICE NIGHTLY 9.0
WALTER BENTLEY presents
THE BARNSTORMERS, THE GREATEST OF ALL BURLESQUES.
ALL STAR CAST INCLUDES:—
JACK MORRISON,
Alisa Moorey, Bina Leopold, Marjorie Cooper, The Eight Devil M'Cares, Dan WHITLEY, The St. Bernard Octette, Lola Neilson, Jack Leopold, DALY, MABEL COOPER AND LAIT.

TIVOLI (6.45 and 9. Tel. 4125.) THEATRE

RE-OPENING MONDAY, DECEMBER 22nd.
WELCOME RETURN OF THE FAMOUS DIXIE MINSTRELS,
In all their Latest Successes
MIRTH MELODY and HARMONY.
Stronger and better than ever.
Nellie Stoole. Joe Masterson. The Fanjacks.
MATINEE ST. STEPHEN'S DAY, at 2.30 P.M.

THE PAVILION,

DUN LAOGHAIRE. 3.30 to 10.15.
SPECIAL PRE-CHRISTMAS ATTRACTION!
WESLEY BARRY,
Baby Bruce Guerin and Cleverly-chosen Cast, in "THE COUNTRY KID."
At 4.20, 6.40, and 9.5. Fast Steppers (2), etc.

LA SCALA THEATRE.

THE LAST TIME OF SHOWING IN ANY THEATRE IN IRELAND.
THE MASTER FILM OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST PRODUCER, REX INGRAM'S
4 HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE
Featuring RUDOLPH VALENTINO and ALICE TERRY.
Patrons should not miss this last opportunity of witnessing LA SCALA'S Presentation of this Masterpiece.
FULL PROLOGUE. EFFECTS.
USUAL PRICES ... 2/4, 1/3, and 9d.
TIMES OF SHOWING: 3 o'c., 5.30, and 8 o'clock.

THE EXCELSIOR SELECT DANCES,

LA SCALA BALLROOM,
MONDAYS, 7.45 p.m. to 11 p.m.
HARRISON'S No. 1 BAND.
ADMISSION 2/6

THE GRAFTON

ALL WEEK.
"HER TEMPORARY HUSBAND,"
With OWEN MOORE, SYLVIA BREAMER, And SYD CHAPLIN.
MUSICAL INTERLUDE, 4 and 8.15 p.m.

DANCING.

Mr., Mrs. & MISS LEGGETT BYRNE,
27 ADELAIDE ROAD, DUBLIN. 'Phone 1813.
HOLIDAY CLASS FOR BALLROOM DANCING, 11 to 12 a.m.
PRIVATE LESSONS BY APPOINTMENT.

IMPERIAL BALLROOM (CLERY'S).

DANCES THIS WEEK.
CHRISTMAS EVE (WEDNESDAY), 8 to 12, 5/-.
ST. STEPHEN'S NIGHT, 8 p.m., 5/-.
SATURDAY NEXT, December 27, 8 to 12, 7/6.
SAKER'S BAND and ADELAIDE ORPHEUS.
SECURE TICKETS NOW.
NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL,
THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.
FRED SAKER AND HIS BAND,
FROM LONDON. 10 PERFORMERS, AND THE
ADELAIDE ORPHEUS BAND.
Mr. VICTOR SILVESTER (London), Champion Ballroom Dancer of the World, 1923, writes, November 1, 1924: "The success of my engagement has been greatly assisted by the splendid playing of the Adelaide ORPHEUS Band. Their harmony and rhythm leave nothing to be desired."
TICKETS, NUMBER LIMITED, ONE GUINEA.
TABLES ARE BEING BOOKED NOW.
T. LEGGETT BYRNE,
27 ADELAIDE ROAD, & CLERYS RESTAURANT.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

DUBLIN VICTUALLERS' ASSOCIATION.

WORKING HOURS CHRISTMAS WEEK.

The Association, for the convenience of the Public, have fixed the following working hours for Xmas Week:—

MONDAY	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
TUESDAY	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
SATURDAY	8 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.

By Order, SEUMAS MacCORMAIC, Secretary.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Commissioners contemplate holding an Examination for Male Clerical Appointments in the Civil Service of Northern Ireland in April, 1925, candidates for which must be 17 years of age or over and under 19 years of age on the 31st March, 1925, and must be natural-born British subjects and the sons of fathers who are natural-born British subjects.

Further particulars respecting the Regulations and Syllabus of the Examination and the procedure to be adopted by intending candidates will be announced later pending which no enquiries on the subject can usefully be addressed to the Commission.

It is pointed out for the information of persons desirous of obtaining clerical appointments in the Civil Service of the Government of Northern Ireland that the recognised method of filling any clerical vacancies that arise in the Departments is by means of Examination, such as that forming the subject of this announcement, followed by selection of qualified candidates by a Selection Board. The submission of individual applications for employment to Ministers, members of Parliaments or Departments is useless.

15 Donegall square, West, Belfast.
18th December, 1924.

COIMISIUN UM STAT-SHEIRBHIS.

JUNIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (Second Announcement).

The examination already announced for above has been postponed to a date to be announced later.

STANDARD—Senior Grade Intermediate.

SYLLABUS—Leaving Certificate Examination, 1925.

AGE LIMITS—17-21.

Regulations are not yet available. Intending Candidates should await a further Press announcement.

TOMAS UA MURCHADHA, Runaidhe.
33 Faithche Naoimh Stiophain, Baile Atha Cliath.
23/G8728. W.H.Co.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Railways Act, 1924, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Proprietors of this Company will be held at the Hall of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland, 35 Dawson street, Dublin, on Wednesday, the 31st day of December, 1924, at the hour of two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing from among the Directors of the Company holding office at the time, such number as may be fixed by the scheme settled by the Railway Tribunal, to serve as Directors of the Amalgamated Company.

By Order of the Board, C. E. RILEY, Secretary.
Dated this 15th day of December, 1924.
Kingsbridge Terminus, Dublin.

THE GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

DEBENTURE STOCKS, ORIGINAL STOCK, FOUR PER CENT. GUARANTEED PREFERENCE STOCK, AND FOUR PER CENT. PREFERENCE STOCK.

Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of this Company relating to above Stocks will be Closed on the evening of the 31st December, 1924.

C. E. RILEY, Secretary.
Kingsbridge Terminus, Dublin, 22nd December, 1924.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH (NORTH KING STREET).

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH,"
MONDAY, DEC. 22, 7.45 P.M.
Soloists: Miss Kathleen Milligan, Mrs. A. E. Hughes, Mr. R. Dawson, Mr. G. A. White.
At the Organ—Mr. R. Bridge Whelan.

ALL IRISH JUDGES—Photographs in the Calendar supplement GIVEN FREE with the Christmas number of the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES" to-day.

J. W. ELVERY & CO., LTD.

WATERPROOF AND SPORT OUTFITTERS.
LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S WATERPROOF COATS, FROM 25/-.
LEATHER MOTOR COATS, TEDDY LINED, FROM £6 6/-.
LEATHERETTE COATS, FROM £3 2/-.
LADIES' FEATHERWEIGHT SILK COATS, £3 10/-.
COVERT COATINGS, FROM £5 5/-.
TWEED COATS, FROM £2 15/-.
PATTERNS AND PRICES ON APPLICATION. POST ORDERS CAREFULLY ATTENDED.
ELEPHANT HOUSE,
45 & 46 LR. O'CONNELL ST., 76 MIDDLE ABBEY STREET, 34 NASSAU STREET, 65 DAWSON STREET, DUBLIN.
Also at CORK and LONDON.

HAVANA CIGARS.

THE cost of Havana Cigars has increased during the last twelve months by 5 per cent., but as our stocks were mostly purchased before the rise we are pleased to state that the cost to the public will in no case be higher than last year.

We can supply real "Havanas" from £25 per 100 to 50/-, the latter in boxes of 50 only.

Home manufactured cigars of Havana and other high-class tobaccos have greatly improved, and can be thoroughly recommended.

Purchasers will greatly oblige by letting us have their orders as early as possible if for Christmas delivery.

Customers can select from a large and varied selection of Barling and Dunhill Pipes, High-Class Cigar and Cigarette Tubes, also Pouches, in all the latest leathers, as well as in poplin-covered oil silk, our speciality.

JAMES J. FOX & CO.,
119 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

EDMOND JOHNSON, LTD.

XMAS, 1924.
SILVER, TORTOISESHELL AND ENAMEL BRUSH SETS, IN CASES,
FROM .... £4/0/0.
LARGE SELECTION OF MANICURE SETS AND TOILET REQUISITES.
DIAMOND HALF-HOOP, AND SINGLE STONE RINGS.
ALL PRICES REDUCED.
94 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.
Telegrams: Gold, Dublin. 'Phone: 992.

EVERYTHING MUSICAL AT BARGAIN PRICES.

G. BUTLER & SONS
ARE MOVING TO LARGER PREMISES, AND INTEND SELLING ALL THEIR STOCK AT UNHEARD OF PRICES.
Examples:—
CORNET (Presentation), Sterling Silver, Hall Marked. Price, £50. Reduced to £15.
XYLOPHONE, 5 feet, suitable for Jazz Band. Cost £30. Reduced to £7 10/-.
PATHESCOPE, Home Cinema. Cost £15. Reduced to £5.
PETER PAN GRAMOPHONES, £2 17/6. Reduced to 25/-.
Also BRASS and REED INSTRUMENTS, BAGPIPES, FLUTES, DRUMS, JAZZ EFFECTS, VIOLINS, 'CELLOS, MANDOLINES, MELODEONS, CONCERTINAS, all choice grades, chosen by an Expert of 40 years' experience, as well as all Fittings, Bows, Cases, Strings, Mouthpieces, Reeds, etc., at prices ranging from two-thirds to half Original Price.
MONUMENT HOUSE, O'CONNELL BRIDGE, DUBLIN.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference. — The Continental anti-cyclone persists still, covering most of the British Isles, while depressions are keeping well out on the Atlantic, though tending to spread eastward. Winds will be southerly generally, strong to a gale at times in the extreme West and North-West. Weather will be mainly cloudy in all parts, with local rain or drizzle in the West and North. The temperature will continue to be rather mild in the extreme West and will tend to fall in the East.

N.W. and S.W. Ireland. — Wind southerly or south-westerly, strong to a gale; cloudy or dull; occasional rain or drizzle; visibility mainly moderate or good; rather mild.

N.E. and S.E. Ireland. — Wind southerly, moderate to fresh or strong; cloudy or dull; local drizzle; mist at times; moderate to rather low temperature.

S.W. Seaboard, Mouth of Channel to South-West Ireland; N.W. Seaboard, Northern Ireland to Hebrides. — Wind southerly or south-westerly, strong to a gale; cloudy or dull; occasional rain or drizzle; visibility moderate or good; sea rough.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.— Wind south-easterly, moderate to fresh or strong; cloudy or dull; local mist; sea moderate to rather rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.

Dublin—Saturday (1 p.m.)	30.30
" Sunday (3 p.m.)	30.30

SUN.

To-day	Rises	8.39	Sets	4. 9
To-morrow	"	8.39	"	4. 9
Lighting-up Time				5. 9

HIGH WATER. DUBLIN.

To-day	Morning	7.33	Afternoon	8. 2
To-morrow	"	8.33	"	9. 2

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—Closed.
Theatre Royal—"The Barnstormers," 6.45 and 9.
Queen's Theatre—"Puss-in-Boots," 6.50 and 9.
Abbey Theatre—"Old Mag" and "Aristotle's Bellows," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9.
La Scala Theatre—"Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," 3, 5.30 and 8 p.m.
The Grafton—"Her Temporary Husband."
Metropole—"The Rustle of Silk," 2.30, 4.45, 7 and 9.15 p.m.
The Carlton—"The Eternal Struggle."
Sackville Picture House—"The Flames of Passion."
Grand Central—"The Man of the Forest."
Princess, Rathmines—"The White Tiger," 3 to 10.30 p.m.
Bohemian Picture Theatre—"The Silent Command," 4.30 to 10.30 p.m.
The Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"The Country Kid," 3.30 to 10.15 p.m.
Aonac na Nodlag—40 Upper O'Connell street, 3 to 10 p.m.
Alexandra School—Prize Day, 3 p.m.

LORD DERBY'S GIFT.

DISTRIBUTION OF WINNINGS ON THE TURF.

Lord Derby, it was announced last Saturday, has this year again distributed a percentage of his racing winnings.

He has divided it in certain proportions between the British Legion (Officers' Branch) for ex-officers in Lancashire, and the Old Comrades' Associations of the various Lancashire regiments.

[Lord Derby's racing winnings during the past season amounted to £37,765. The figures for previous years are:—1921, £25,085; 1922, £30,628; 1923, £40,388.]

IRISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

The Kilkenny branch of the Secondary Teachers' Association has passed the following resolution:—"That we protest emphatically against the great delay of the Minister of Education in giving effect to his promise of last July, that a salary scheme for secondary teachers was about to be put into operation; and that we desire to call public attention to the fact that the Minister, as a member of the Boundary Commission, does not appear to be able to devote sufficient time to his duties in the Education Department."

The Irish Times.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1924.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, in a statement last night on the reports of differences in the Cumann na nGaedheal organisation, said that they were calculated to form a totally false impression in the public mind. In particular, the statement that it was at any time contemplated that Unionists should be asked to join the ranks of the Cumann na nGaedheal Party was false. No person could join the organisation who did not fully accept its programme and constitution.—(Page 7.)

The Boundary Commissioners on Saturday visited Derry and Donegal and met various deputations.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

The delegates of the British Trades Union Congress, who returned from Russia on Friday after a six weeks' tour of the country, state that the work of restoration is being rapidly pushed forward, and that social, industrial and economic conditions in Russia have enormously improved since the British delegation's visit in 1920.—(Page 8.)

Stories are circulated from Odessa that a civil war has broken out in Russia.—(Page 8.)

The story of a Communist plot to seize Amiens is denied in official circles in Paris.—(Page 7.)

FINANCIAL.

In Lombard street on Saturday there was an adequate supply of loanable funds at 2¼-3 per cent. Discount rates were firm. The feature of the exchanges was a rise in sterling on New York to 4.71⅛ dollars.—(Page 11.)

National House-Cleaning.

In this article we propose to co-ordinate three facts. Last week a correspondent told us that he had returned from a business tour in the South of Ireland with one predominant impression—"dirt everywhere." Railway stations were forlorn and unkempt. In a town in County Cork which is set among beautiful surroundings the chief thoroughfare was littered with sweepings from the shops, and was not cleaned during the three days of his visit. This morning another correspondent, from County Kerry, confirms this report, and, indeed, the thing is notorious. The rural Irish have not been a tidy people from the days of Thackeray's "Irish Sketch Book" until now. There are not half-a-dozen towns or villages in the twenty-six counties where one receives the vision of brightness and neatness—"all things in order stored"—that gladdens the eye as one's motor car whirls through any chance-met hamlet of Wiltshire or Kent. Naturally enough, matters became worse in Ireland during the recent years of civil strife. The air was pregnant with desolation. The houses which were sacked and burned were, in most cases, those which had maintained a tradition of dignity and decency. It might be anybody's turn on the next day, and men had as little incentive to lavish prideful care on their streets and dwellings as a criminal has to wash his face on the morning of his execution. The reign of terror is ended, but the spirit of apathy persists; and so to-day this Free State of ours is, on the whole, a dismal and dishevelled land.

That is the first fact. The second is the certainty, in the coming year, of a large development of the Irish tourist traffic. Trade is reviving in Great Britain and throughout the world; the last of the war problems has been settled, and in the summer of 1925 the peoples of Europe and the United States will make holiday to the top of their bent. There will be a lucrative invasion of Ireland, to which a stimulus will be given by the cordial co-operation of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company with the Irish companies. The third fact is the widespread lack of employment in the Free State and the big sums which the Government is finding for its relief. It will be a sad misfortune if the swarm of tourists is launched into Irish towns which will be hardly less dreary and dirty under the summer's sun than they are now under December's rains. Englishmen and Americans will not expect to find their native trimness in a country which has been under the harrow of civic conflict, but at least they will expect a reasonable measure of cleanliness. Sheer squalor would disgust them, would spoil their holiday, would be a thoroughly bad advertisement for Ireland as a pleasure resort and for the quality of our public administration. From these premisses the logical conclusion, as we think, is that the Free State Government ought to relieve unemployment in a way that will be a blessing for the Irish tourist industry. A big part of the money with which it proposes to furnish work ought to be devoted to the improvement of roads, the cleansing and re-surfacing of streets, the painting of barracks, court-houses and other public buildings—in a word, to a general process of "smartening up." This process ought to be undertaken quickly and ought to be continued systematically until the end of next May. We suggest that the Government shall formulate a campaign in conference with representatives of local authorities, and shall invite the co-operation of all good citizens. A national prize for the town or village which transforms itself most brilliantly during the next six months would appeal to the country's sporting instinct.

Communism in France.

The Communist "scare" in France seems to be assuming very formidable proportions. It began some weeks ago, after the publication of the notorious Zinovieff letter in England, when M. Herriot's Government decided to arrest a number of the more prominent agitators. Now everybody is talking about the "coming revolution." Rumours are flying wildly around the country, and even responsible newspapers announce solemnly that the Bolshevist *coup* has been arranged for Christmas Eve. The *Liberté* last week published a circumstantial account of the Communists' plans, which are alleged to have been discovered in Paris. According to this story, Amiens is to be the cradle of the new revolution. The Communists have perfected their arrangements for the seizure of this town, and the "Red Army" will move at 11 p.m. on the appointed day. All the public buildings in Amiens will be seized. The Mayor of the town, as well as the general officer commanding the district and a number of other persons "hostile to Communist aims," will be arrested and thrown into prison, while a Council of Peoples' Commissaries will issue a proclamation in the name of the French Soviet Republic. In addition to the Amiens rising, the Communist "cells and centres" throughout the French Army, and in every branch of public life, will take over the departments and services of which they have especial knowledge. Short shrift will be given to "counter-revolutionaries" of every kind, and, if all goes well, France will be completely in the hands of the Soviets within a few days.

This story, of course, is wildly improbable, and in normal circumstances nobody in his senses would give it the slightest credence. The Conservative Press, however, is chasing the Communist hare for all that it is worth. Every day it has some new detail to make the people's flesh creep, and it loses no opportunity of attacking the Government on the ground that M. Herriot's policy of *rapprochement* with Moscow has been directly responsible for the Communist activities in France. The Premier, who has been ill for the past few weeks, has issued a bedside appeal to the nation, deprecating "scare-mongering" and calling for a steadying of the public mind; but this step seems to have had the very opposite effect to that which M. Herriot desired. The Conservatives declare that if there had been no basis for the rumours of revolution, the head of the Government would not have taken the trouble to deny them from his sick bed. M. Gustave Hervé announces triumphantly that the country can be saved only by the immediate resignation of M. Herriot and by the formation of a Fascisti corps which will safeguard the interests of the Republic against all its enemies. Undoubtedly, the Premier has lost a considerable amount of public support as a result of this whole business. If his departure from office could be procured before Christmas, M. Poincaré and his friends would be in a position to tell the world that they had saved France from Russia's fate.

In the meanwhile an air of mystery hangs over the Quai d'Orsay. M. Krassin, the Russian "Ambassador" who was accredited to the French Republic recently, hardly had arrived in Paris when he discovered that he must return to Moscow in order to receive fresh instructions from his Government. This decision seems to have followed an interview with M. Herriot, who drew the Bolshevist envoy's attention to the intrigues of Communist agitators in various parts of France and her colonies. Furthermore, M. Nintchitch, the Foreign Minister of Jugo-Slavia, who has been conducting negotiations with the French Government with a view to a Franco-Serbian alliance, left Paris suddenly last Friday night for Belgrade, to the great surprise of the French Press. The quidnuncs connect this fact in some obscure way with the Krassin incident. France will emerge from this crisis, which appears to have been engineered deliberately by the Government's enemies, as she has emerged from more serious crises in her history; but there is no doubt that public confidence has been shaken, and that the national credit must suffer as a consequence. We do not believe for a moment that there will be a Communist rising in France on Christmas Eve, or on any other day, and we agree with the opinion that the only "Communist cells" in the French Army are those cells in which the agitators will find themselves if they start any trouble. Nevertheless, France cannot afford to indulge even in rumours of revolution, and the most drastic action ought to be taken against their authors.

America and Japan.

Mr. Hughes, the United States Secretary of State, has published a formal welcome to Mr. Tsuneo Matsudiara on his appointment as Japanese Ambassador at Washington. The formal welcome is regarded as significant in diplomatic circles, since this is the first occasion on which such a statement has been issued before the arrival of a new Ambassador. Its contents are of a most friendly description. Mr. Hughes records his official appreciation of the appointment, and describes as a signal honour to his country the fact that the choice should have fallen on so distinguished a diplomatist. He states further his confidence that cordial relations will exist between the two countries. In paying this notable compliment to the Japanese nation the Secretary of State clearly shows his desire to improve the prospects of a firm understanding. It is no secret that the American immigration law has caused much resentment in Japan, where it has been regarded as an insult. At the same time it is only too clear that a considerable amount of feeling in the United States is hostile to Japan. This unfriendly spirit has been spread by ill-considered talk, for which not a few public men are responsible. In Japan the resentment against the new immigration law is by no means unnatural, but the appointment of Mr. Tsuneo Matsudiara suggests that it is not encouraged in official circles; and there seems to be no doubt that Mr. Coolidge and his Secretary of State are genuinely anxious to smooth matters so far as may be possible. The danger lies in the fact that irresponsible people can obtain a wide hearing, and wild talk may do almost unlimited harm.

A Famous Picture.

Professor Oreste Silvestri, of the Fine Arts Department at Milan, has succeeded in restoring the "Last Supper" of Leonardo da Vinci. It had been feared that the complete disappearance of this masterpiece was merely a matter of time, since the colour particles were flaking off with alarming rapidity. Probably no picture in existence is more widely known than the "Last Supper." Millions of people who never have been to the little convent near Milan, where it is displayed, are familiar with it through innumerable reproductions; but only a poor idea can be gained from reproductions of the vitality and beauty of the picture. It is, perhaps, the one "old master" in Europe which never disappoints. Leonardo was engaged for ten years in painting the picture on the wall of the refectory of the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie. The dampness of the wall always has been a source of danger. The "Last Supper" has been restored on several occasions in the past, but never so satisfactorily as to defeat the risk of deterioration. Indeed, much of the work which can be seen to-day was superimposed by other artists, but the genius of Leonardo shines through, and the later work has been of sufficient excellence to preserve the outstanding beauty of the original. Now steps have been taken to reduce the risk of dampness on the convent wall, and an entirely new process of restoration has been adopted. If, as is hoped, the danger has been overcome, the time and money which have been spent on this priceless work of art will be well repaid.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The King and Queen, with the members of the Royal Household now in attendance, will leave Buckingham Palace to-day for York Cottage, Sandringham, where they will be joined before Christmas by the Prince of Wales, Prince Henry and Prince George.

* * *

The Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, with the Ladies Margaret, Helen and Mary Stewart, have left Londonderry House and have arrived at Wynyard Park, where they will spend the Christmas vacation. The Earl of Dunraven is in residence at 22 Norfolk street, Park lane. Viscount and Viscountess Wimborne are at Wimborne House, where they gave a dinner party last Friday. They will leave to-morrow for Ashby St. Ledgers, where Lady Wimborne will give a ball on December 26th.

* * *

The Earl and Countess of Granard, accompanied by Viscount Forbes, Lady Moira, Lady Eileen and the Hon. John Forbes, have returned from London and will spend Christmas at Castle Forbes. Viscount Powerscourt returned from England last Saturday and joined Lady Powerscourt at Powerscourt Castle. Lord Clonmore returned last week and will spend Christmas with his father, the Earl of Wicklow, at Shelton Abbey.

* * *

The Marquis and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, with their son and daughter, the Earl of Ava and Lady Veronica Blackwood, will leave London this week for Scotland and will spend Christmas with Viscount and Viscountess Novar in Ross-shire. Viscount and Viscountess de Vesci left London last week for St. Moritz. Colonel and the Hon. Mrs. Charles Guinness have arrived at Mentone. Sir Archibald and Lady Crosfield are among the departures for the Continent. Lady Maud Barrett is on her way to Spain. The Hon. Evelyn and Mrs. FitzGerald have gone to Monte Carlo for a short stay. Major-General Sir Alfred and Lady Knox are in the South of France and will not return till the end of January.

* * *

Viscountess Elveden has been appointed to succeed Dame Caroline Bridgeman as Chairwoman of the Women Unionists' Organisation. A daughter of the late Earl of Onslow, she married the eldest son of the Earl of Iveagh in 1903. Viscount Elveden has represented several English constituencies, and since 1918 has been member for Southend-on-Sea.

* * *

The Marquis of Headfort arrived in Dublin last Saturday from Scotland and has joined Mr. Bland's shooting party at Ballinahinch Castle. Lord Rossmore entertained a party last week at Rossmore Park for his second shoot.

* * *

The Earl and Countess of Lindsey, Sir Rowland Barran, Sir John St. George, Lady Duke, Sir Havilland, Lady and Mr. Le Mesurier are among the latest arrivals at Bordighera. Lord Blyth, Admiral Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, General Sir Charles and Lady Sackville-West, the Dowager Lady Ashman and Sir Robert and Lady Fulton are among the British visitors at Monte Carlo.

Viscount Cecil of Chelwood has accepted the presidency of the newly-founded Anglo-Danish Society, of which Mons. Ahlefeldt Laurvig, Danish Minister, is Honorary President; Mons. Rottboll, Danish Consul-General, Vice-President, and Mr. C. Brudenell-Bruce Chairman. The aim of the Society, which will have its headquarters in London, is to encourage social, literary, scientific and commercial relations between Great Britain and Denmark.

* * *

Lord Charles Kennedy, whose engagement to Constance Lady Baird is announced, is the second son of the Marquis of Ailsa and brother of Lady Kilmaine. His *fiancée* is the widow of Admiral Sir John Baird and is the owner of the yacht Thistle, with which she competed in the six-metre class for the British-American Cup last season.

* * *

Mr. Ralph H. Ford has left town for two weeks.

Switzers—for Gifts expressive of good taste. Fur Ties, Gloves, Stockings, Handkerchiefs, Scarves, Blouses, Cardigans, Dainty Underwear, etc., all moderately priced.

Christmas Gifts—Each section is laden with wonderfully Choice, Dainty and Practical Gifts. Rich Furs, Lovely Frocks, Sports Wear, Jumpers, Gloves, Umbrellas, etc.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

Lovely Frocks for Christmas Festivities.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

Salthill Hotel—Friday, 26th December, Children's Dance and Christmas Tree, 3 to 6 o'clock. Tickets strictly limited.

Chancellor and Son, Photographers. New Electric Studio, 7 Grafton street, Dublin.

Coats, Costumes, Afternoon and Evening Gowns.—Campbell and Strahan, Ltd., 11 Wicklow street.

Madame Renée has received a special delivery of Evening Gowns for Christmas Dances. Prices very moderate.—Harry street (off Grafton street).

Christmas Wireless—Get a Marconiphone to-day from Hogan, 56 Henry street, Dublin.

Well-tailored costume in heather Irish tweed for 7½ gns. at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals: — M. McDowell, E. Barr, Miss A. V. Alesbury, Mr. and Mrs. John Alesbury, Miss V. Hicks, Master G. Hicks, J. F. Shackleton, Miss D. Crozier, Mrs. Crozier, Miss Nancy Lumsden, Miss Betty Lumsden, Thomas H. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hammond, R. Fergus Peacock, Mrs. G. F. Farran, A. W. Mooney, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Corcoran, Mrs. Hugh Reid, Mrs. James Stephens, Miss Sweetman, R. A. French, G. L. Walker, T. M. Batchen, E. J. Gailey, W. J. Collins, L. Brunker, Miss G. O'Conor, Miss A. Sweetman, Miss N. O'Conor, Miss Maureen O'Brien, Miss Mary Gallagher, Miss Emily Gallagher, Miss Roshie McNally, Miss Eliza Jane Chartres, Hon. J. Scopie, Surg.-Lt. A. E. Phillips, R.N.; Miss G. O'Brien, A. L. Hennessy, Miss Madeleine M. Kirwan, Miss M. E. Morton, L. Kane, Miss Marie O'Connor, Miss Margaret O'Connor, Dr. D. S. Magner, J. J. Fogarty, E. Fogarty, Miss A. Denvir, Captain J. C. Denvir, R.A.M.C.; Miss M. Maude, Mr. H. Maude, R. D. Chatterton.

Departures. — Sir William Goulding, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Colwill, R. H. Colwill, Mr. and Mrs. W. MacKillop, J. S. Lewis, Dr. C. M. West, Mrs. Alex McRoberts, Master McRoberts, Miss Joan O'Neil, Montague S. Newmark, Muriel Newmark, Mrs. Ralph McGuinness, Mrs. Littledale, Miss McAlister.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

McBirney and Co.'s Great Toy Fair and Christmas Gift Bazaar open all day to-day.

"Our Boys"—The noted house for Boys' and Youths' Reliable Clothing and Outfitting at keen cut prices.—24 Wicklow street.

Furs—Annual December Sale of High-Class Furs at very reduced prices.—David Vard, 34 Grafton street (1st floor). Window show at 16 Duke street.

Gibson and Co., Ladies' Tailors, Specialists in designing and cutting. All models made on the premises. Inspection invited.—141 Lr. Baggot st. Mourning Orders receive prompt attention. 'Phone 4905.—Davis and Co., 48 Grafton street.

LONDON LETTER.

THE ROYAL FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON, SUNDAY NIGHT.

The King and Queen and the Court go down to York Cottage at Sandringham to-morrow to spend Christmas and the New Year, and it is unlikely that the King will be in London again until Parliament meets. There will be a gathering of the Royal Family for Christmas, but the absentees will be more numerous than usual. The Duke and Duchess of York are away, as are the Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught. Princess Victoria, who has not been away from Sandringham at Christmas for many years, will be another absentee. She is suffering from prolonged nervous trouble, and her condition causes some anxiety to the Royal Family. The Princess, who has gone to Lugano for change and quiet, probably will make a long stay at this lovely lakeside town.

Several of the Ministers who were at Westminster on Friday are now out of town, and will spend the Christmas holidays in their country homes. The Prime Minister will be in Worcestershire; Lord Birkenhead sailed on Friday for Madeira, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain will spend the first part of the recess at Birmingham. The Leader of the Opposition leaves Avonmouth to-morrow and will not return until the day before Parliament reassembles on February 10th. During that time Mr. Ramsay Macdonald will visit the West Indies, Costa Rica and Panama. Mr. Lloyd George left for Criccieth after his speech at Edinburgh yesterday, and Mr. Ben Spoor, Socialist Chief Whip, is spending the holiday on a cargo boat with his wife. The first port of call will be Tunis, and he will go afterwards to Malta, Alexandria, Jaffa and Beyrout. One of the objects of the cruise is to renew old associations with Malta, where he was stationed during part of his service in the war period.

Stocktaking.

Now that the first part of the first session of the new Parliament is over, a little stocktaking may be admissible. It is generally recognised that the Government is the strongest since the Coalition, being particularly good in debating strength. Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Neville Chamberlain have added to their laurels, while Mr. Winston Churchill has already shown that he is perfectly acclimatised on the Conservative benches and likely to do well as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Among the minor members of the Government Mr. Walter Guinness has stood out markedly, although it is acknowledged that the Under-Secretaries form a most promising band. There has not been much opportunity for the ordinary back-bench member on the Government side, but the indications are that there is a most plentiful supply of promising material for the future.

The Opposition.

The Opposition has been a profound disappointment to its supporters up to the present. It was thought that Mr. Macdonald, after his experience of office, would make a good Opposition leader, but he has disappointed. Few members will forget the tone of his speech on the opening day of the session when moving an amendment to the Address. It was almost petty in its exhibition of spitefulness. Then again Mr. Macdonald has not come out well over the Campbell case or over that of the Zinovieff letter. When dealing with the latter he blew hot and cold with the same breath, and it is difficult to understand whether he believes the letter genuine or not. Mr. J. H. Thomas played a much more determined *rôle*, and on more than one occasion appeared to be the real Leader of the Opposition. In the Liberal group Mr. Lloyd George has asserted his leadership and proved quite effective in debate. He has secured once again the ear of the House, and, now that the Liberal Party is to come down to the floor instead of remaining on the back benches, it is probable that he will prove even more effective, since he will speak in more familiar conditions.

Steel Houses.

The possibility of a substantial adoption of the type of steel houses introduced by Lord Weir is having a disturbing effect upon the operatives in the building industry. One advantage claimed for the new bungalows is that they can be erected by unskilled labour, as the steel stampings have only to be affixed to timber supports, and there is no bricklaying or plastering to be carried out. The Scottish Building Workers' Union have proclaimed publicly their hostility to the new system of construction, and, though no action has yet been taken in other parts of the country, informal discussions are taking place in London and elsewhere to ascertain what work may be claimed to require skilled men on the steel houses, which are already known among builders as "sardine tins."

Labour and Russia.

The trade union delegates, just back from Russia, have issued a statement concerning their visit which makes one rather wonder why they left such a delightful country. Social, industrial and economic conditions have improved enormously, while the financial position is much more secure than was expected. Industrial undertakings are being developed, housing conditions improved, and religious institutions have complete freedom. All that is wanted is countless millions from the people who live in a state of capitalist darkness on this side. Money seems to be the one idea of the Soviet Government, if we may judge from its repeated efforts in every direction.

A Rosy Picture.

The Home Secretary last night, when asked his opinion of the trade unionists' statement, said that he was surprised that the trade union delegation did not suggest the lending of trade union funds to Russia. It could be easily done. If it is true that Russian industry is going on so well, it is astonishing that the Soviet should be in need of a loan. Sir William Joynson-Hicks also said that he was delighted to hear that every effort is being made to improve the moral life of Russia. The country is, apparently, becoming such a paradise that it is a pity that the members of the delegation have not made their permanent home there.

Christmas Abroad.

The rush abroad at Christmas seems to grow every year. Eleven trains left Victoria yesterday laden with passengers for Switzerland. It seems that the young people are making for the mountains for winter sport, while the elders are going to the more sheltered spots. A representative of a great tourist agency stated yesterday that his agency had never had anything like the traffic for Switzerland that it has had this year, young students in particular booking in great numbers. The number of people who intend to spend several weeks abroad also shows a great increase. In addition to the rush abroad, many people have already left London for the seaside resorts and will not return until the New Year.

AUSTRIA AND YUGO-SLAVIA.

BELGRADE, *Sunday*.

The negotiations commenced in September last between Yugo Slavia and Austria with a view to the completion of a commercial treaty are now considered as having practically terminated. Agreement has been reached on the main lines of the veterinary agreements, and the convention dealing with pastures on the border territories.—(Reuter.)

"NO C
STATEM
MR. O'H
ALARMIST
DEN
PARTY M
POSITION
ARMY D

Mr. Kevin O'Higg
the Free State Execu
u: the following sta
with recent newspap
differences in the
na n'aedheal:—
"The material t
and has appeared i
of Saturday and th
on the subject of
Cumann na nGaedh
to create a wholly
the public mind. I
gestion that it was
plated that 'Union
to join the ranks
nGaedheal Party is
"No person can
nGaedheal organis
accept fully and
gramme and constit
entitled to know th
which these week-
constructed.
"Some time ago,
by-elections, the C
Party (*i.e.*, the C
T.D.'s) had a meet
taking stock of th
with particular ref
unsatisfactory cond
organisation.
"At that meeting
expressed that the
too large a body t
discussion and con
to the subject. M
ternal Ministers a
Executive Council)
and consider the
making recommend
meeting.
"We did so, a
held a few days
that the Cumann
should be seen a
strong organising
for pending by-ele
"It was sugge
agreed, that Mr. J
a very suitable ch
mittee. Mr. Bly
deputed to meet t
heal Executive an
before them for t
met the Cumann
at 5 Parnell squar
"There were p
my recollection:—
Power, General
O'Connor, T.D.;
Tierney, Mr. T
(Treasurer); Mr.
T.D.; Mr. Seum
William Sears, T.D
Councillor McInt
Hughes (General
meeting, after so
tion proposed
seconded by Mr
unanimously agre
ing committee, u
Mr. J. J. Walsh
conduct the co
committee, which
to its number
stituted as follow
Walsh; Senator
John McLough
Messrs. McNeil
McGilligan, Hoga
P. J. Egan, Se
gomery, and Pro
"There have b
mittee Mr. Henr
Surgeon Frank
Medical Services
Captain Henry
Truth), Mr. Hu
and Co.), and M
"It will be u
to emphasise to
is no desire to
nGaedheal orga
preserve of the p
Fein, it was
associate with t
responsible citi
various elements
and of the capit
"This has at
of the organisat
sufficiently gra
through the cou
a tendency in
at the struggle
State as if it
quarrel within
party, the resul
concern persons
fied with that
"In the hop
any such miscon
combine among
representative
persons who, i
the establishme
identified with t
"Amongst th
with the commi
solicitor, who,
tion of 1918, w
Parliamentary
fortunately, un
tion.
"On the stre
the fact that i
for the organisa
exclude from t
who stand in a
the State and
it rests, certai
selves industrio
ing trouble wit
the organisation
"It is not
Cumann na nG
divided,' as wa
Press. At the
night four or fiv
Professor Mage
(Galway) and B
an objection to
elements' into t
organisation, an
tion to the retu
Cavan and ex-
kenny.
"Mr. O'Maill
motion asking
(Continued

"NO CRISIS."

STATEMENT BY MR. O'HIGGINS.

ALARMIST RUMOURS DENIED.

PARTY MEETINGS

POSITION OF THE ARMY DEFINED.

Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Vice-President of the Free State Executive Council, has sent us the following statement in connection with recent newspaper reports of alleged differences in the ranks of the Cumann na nGaedheal:—

"The material that was supplied to, and has appeared in, the *Evening Herald* of Saturday and the *Sunday Independent* on the subject of differences within the Cumann na nGaedheal Party is calculated to create a wholly false impression on the public mind. In particular, the suggestion that it was at any time contemplated that 'Unionists' should be asked to join the ranks of the Cumann na nGaedheal Party is false.

"No person can join the Cumann na nGaedheal organisation who does not accept fully and unreservedly its programme and constitution. The public are entitled to know the slender straws from which these week-end bricks have been constructed.

"Some time ago, shortly after the recent by-elections, the Cumann na nGaedheal Party (*i.e.*, the Cumann na nGaedheal T.D.'s) had a meeting for the purpose of taking stock of their political position, with particular reference to the somewhat unsatisfactory condition of their political organisation.

"At that meeting the view was generally expressed that the party, as a whole, was too large a body to enable a business-like discussion and consideration to be given to the subject. Ministers (both the external Ministers and the members of the Executive Council) were asked to meet and consider the matter, with a view to making recommendations to the next party meeting.

"We did so, and at a party meeting held a few days later we recommended that the Cumann na nGaedheal Executive should be seen and asked to set up a strong organising committee to prepare for pending by-elections.

"It was suggested, and unanimously agreed, that Mr. J. J. Walsh would make a very suitable chairman for such a committee. Mr. Blythe and myself were deputed to meet the Cumann na nGaedheal Executive and to lay the proposals before them for their consideration. We met the Cumann na nGaedheal Executive at 5 Parnell square.

"There were present, to the best of my recollection:—Senator Mrs. Wyse-Power, General Mulcahy, Mr. Batt O'Connor, T.D.; Professor Michael Tierney, Mr. T. Montgomery, solicitor (Treasurer); Mr. Denis McCullough, T.D.; Mr. Seumas Dolan, T.D.; Mr. William Sears, T.D.; Mr. Martin Conlan, Councillor McIntyre, and Mr. Seumas Hughes (General Secretary). At that meeting, after some discussion, a resolution proposed by General Mulcahy, seconded by Mr. William Sears, and unanimously agreed to, set up an organising committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. J. Walsh, to prepare for and conduct the coming by-elections. The committee, which was given power to add to its number by co-option, was constituted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. J. J. Walsh; Senators Mrs. Wyse-Power and John McLoughlin, General Mulcahy, Messrs. McNeill, Blythe, O'Higgins, McGilligan, Hogan, Lynch, Batt O'Connor, P. J. Egan, Seumas Dolan, T. Montgomery, and Professor Tierney.

"There have been co-opted on this committee Mr. Henry B. O'Hanlon, solicitor; Surgeon Frank Morrin, ex-Director of Medical Services of the National Army; Captain Henry Harrison (editor of *Irish Truth*), Mr. Hugh Kennedy (of Kennedy and Co.), and Mr. P. J. Lawrence.

"It will be understood that, in order to emphasise to our countrymen that there is no desire to maintain the Cumann na nGaedheal organisation as a special preserve of the pro-Treaty section of Sinn Fein, it was felt to be desirable to associate with the committee in its task responsible citizens representative of various elements in the life of the country and of the capital.

"This has at all times been the spirit of the organisation, but it has been insufficiently grasped and appreciated through the country, and there has been a tendency in many quarters to look on at the struggle for existence of the Irish State as if it was simply a domestic quarrel within a particular political party, the result of which did not greatly concern persons who had not been identified with that party in the past.

"In the hope of effectively dispelling any such misconceptions, it was sought to combine amongst the co-options persons representative of various interests and persons who, in the period previous to the establishment of the State, were not identified with the Sinn Fein movement.

"Amongst those who were invited to act with the committee was Mr. P. J. Brady, solicitor, who, prior to the general election of 1918, was a member of the Irish Parliamentary Party. Mr. Brady was, unfortunately, unable to accept the invitation.

"On the strength of the foregoing, and the fact that in the collection of funds for the organisation it is not proposed to exclude from the appeal any but those who stand in an attitude of hostility to the State and the Constitution on which it rests, certain people have set themselves industriously to the task of fomenting trouble within the party and within the organisation.

"It is not true, however, that the Cumann na nGaedheal Party is 'equally divided,' as was stated in the week-end Press. At the meeting held on Friday night four or five deputies, notably Deputy Professor Magennis and Deputies O'Maille (Galway) and Byrne (Wicklow), expressed an objection to the introduction of 'new elements' into the Cumann na nGaedheal organisation, and objected to any opposition to the return of ex-Deputy Milroy in Cavan and ex-Deputy Gibbons in Kilkenny.

"Mr. O'Maille handed in a notice of motion asking that a further effort be

(Continued on Page 8, Column 1.)

THE FUTURE OF IRELAND.

MR. COSGRAVE ON POWER AND THE BOUNDARY.

A GERMAN INTERVIEW.

BERLIN, Sunday.

The *Berliner Tageblatt* publishes an interview which the Rector of the Berlin University recently had with Mr. Cosgrave, in which the latter, referring to the plan of the German firm of Siemens to harness the Shannon and make it supply the whole of Ireland with light and electric power, said that Ireland's entire appearance would be renewed.

The conditions of living in the West would be completely changed, and the impulse towards industrial development would be enormous. The effect of the plan, he said, would be immediately obvious, for 3,000 men would have work for the next three years. While the work was progressing, added Mr. Cosgrave, great activity would be shown in the various branches of industry in preparation for the boom which would come, particularly in agriculture, and in those branches which either manufacture materials for agriculture or use and conserve its products.

Referring to the Boundary dispute with Ulster, Mr. Cosgrave said that the Free State could not agree only to rectifications of the frontier; for the law was clear and on the Free State's side.

"England," he said, "must now decide, and by this decision we shall know if England has definitely broken with her earlier policy."

Mr. Cosgrave added:—"I will not express any opinion at present. In time, however, we shall probably come together, and German electricity may play a not unimportant *rôle*. Sources of power, sources of might (*kraftquellen: machtquellen*)—that is the key to the policy of our times.—(Reuter.)

OBITUARY.

SIR GEORGE BUCHANAN.

Sir George Buchanan, who died on Saturday, was the last British Ambassador to Russia during the Tsarist *régime*. Two other famous diplomatic figures of the war have predeceased him this year—Sir Edward Goschen and M. Paul Cambon.

Born in 1854, the son of a distinguished diplomat, who had himself served as Ambassador to Russia, Sir George spent a long and honourable career as British representative in several capitals; but his seven years' service at Petrograd was the most memorable period of his whole life. His repeated warnings to the Tsar, that unless Russia was governed with a more liberal spirit disaster would overtake the Monarchy, went unheeded. Not very long after the creation of the Soviet Republic Sir George Buchanan retired from his post as Ambassador at Petrograd, and no successor was appointed. In 1919 Sir George became British Ambassador at Rome, and two years afterwards retired from the diplomatic service. Last year he published his memoirs, and on one or two occasions came out of his retirement to defend himself against the attacks of Russian refugee reactionaries, who accused him of encouraging the revolution. Sir George was extremely hostile to the Bolshevik Power.

THE REV. CANON BROWNE, B.D.

The Rev. Canon Browne, B.D., Rector of St. Mary's Parish, Belfast, died yesterday morning after an operation. Canon Browne succeeded the late Archdeacon Spence about ten years ago as Rector of St. Mary's which is one of the largest parishes in Belfast. When the Northern Government was established the Minister for Education (Lord Londonderry) appointed Canon Browne as one of the members of the Departmental Committee which inquired into the educational services in Northern Ireland. Canon Browne afterwards was appointed a member of the Belfast Education Committee, established under the Act.

Canon Browne was a native of Sligo. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and was a Bachelor of Divinity of Dublin University. Ordained for the Curacy of Banbridge in 1890, he became Deputation Secretary for the Church Missionary Society in the South of Ireland. When appointed Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Belfast, he did excellent work, and in 1914 he succeeded the late Archdeacon Spence as Rector of St. Mary's. Canon Browne was a member of the Diocesan Council for the united Dioceses of Down and Connor and Dromore. He was one of the Commissioners appointed by the General Synod to carry out the special legislation of 1920 for the amalgamation of parishes in Ireland. He represented the Dioceses of Down and Connor and Dromore upon the Church Representative Body.

DR. PALMER.

The death took place yesterday morning of Surgeon Joseph Mansergh H. Palmer, D.L., at the Resident Infirmary House, Armagh, after about five weeks' illness. He became a licentiate of the Apothecaries' Hall in 1871. He was in the service at Armagh County Infirmary, being resident surgeon since 1876. He was a magistrate for the County Armagh, and was appointed Deputy-Lieutenant in 1906. As High Sheriff for County Armagh in 1906, he performed many valuable services. He was author of several medical works.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. MURPHY, K.C.

The Times says:—We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. H. Murphy, K.C., long a conspicuous and beloved figure in the Probate and Divorce Division, where for fourteen years he was the chief law reporter of *The Times*. He died on Saturday at his residence in Upper Norwood, at the age of 62. The death of Mr. Murphy removes from the Divorce Court a very familiar and genial personality. He was beloved of all his colleagues, and was a sound authority of the law of divorce.

In his work for this newspaper he wrote in the best style of the old law reporters. He knew the law so well that he could summarise without danger of doing an injustice to a judgment, but, perhaps unlike some of the elder school, he wrote a beautiful hand, which never gave the printers any trouble to decipher.

The son of the late John Patrick Murphy, K.C., and grandson of another "silk," Patrick Mathias Murphy, of Dublin, John Harvey Murphy was born in 1862, and was sent to the school of the Benedictines at Downside. He went up in due course to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1887, practising on the South-Eastern Circuit and at the Herts and Essex Sessions, but principally in the Probate and Divorce Court. In June, 1895, he was appointed principal reporter to *The Times* in the Probate and Divorce Court, and held the post till September, 1909. In 1920 he was made K.C. Mr. Murphy was a keen student of the drama, and was also fond of angling and miniature rifle-shooting. He married in 1891 Lucy, daughter of the late Edward C. Clarke, and leaves a son and a daughter. The funeral will be at Elmer's End Cemetery on Wednesday at 11 o'clock.

MORE ATTACKS BY RIFFS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MADRID, Sunday.

The enemy attacked General Saro's column yesterday, after the evacuation of Garda, and there were a number of killed and wounded on both sides. The column has now arrived at Zinat, Western zone.

The position at Vurnes was also attacked, but the enemy was driven off.

The Finnish Communists' Party has nominated as its candidate for the forthcoming Presidential election, Matti Vaisanen, who is at present undergoing a term of imprisonment.

The annual conference of the National Union of Women Teachers will be held in the Midland Institute, Birmingham, from December 29th to January 2nd.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S POLICY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Sunday.

Not only will the United States and Great Britain never again be drawn into war against each other, but the two great English-speaking peoples, the richest and most powerful nations in the world, will stand shoulder to shoulder in tacit alliance, particularly in the regions of the Pacific Ocean.

This is revealed as the key to the policy of President Coolidge in regard to the development and maintenance of the American Navy in relation to the navies of Great Britain and Japan.

Many persons have been puzzled by President Coolidge's opposition to the building of light cruisers and auxiliary warcraft up to parity with Great Britain and double Japan's strength, as allowed by the Arms Treaty, and his refusal to sanction the elevation of the guns of the American battleships to equal the British range.

Now it is known that President Coolidge reached these decisions mainly because of the new relationship between the United States and Great Britain as cemented at the Washington Arms Conference after England was freed from the Japanese alliance.

Great Britain suggested that America should maintain a navy equal in strength to her own, so that in case of war the two nations could bear the burden of defence equally.

The next development was Great Britain's drawing closer to the United States in policies concerning the Pacific because of the sympathy of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, not to mention South Africa, which has an immigration controversy with Japan. The Arms Conference left the United States unable to attack Japan in the Western Pacific, and Japan unable to attack the United States in the Eastern Pacific, but it also left Japan facing Great Britain as well as America in case of an American-Japanese war.

The diplomacy of Secretary Hughes is largely responsible for this changed situation, on which President Coolidge is now pinning great faith in handling the so-called Japanese menace. Mr. Coolidge, with inside knowledge of all the relations between America and Great Britain, is least disturbed of all by the talk of war between Japan and the United States. While others are demanding a bigger navy, President Coolidge is placing reliance on America's tacit alliance with England.

STRIKE THREAT.

NO COAL DURING COLD WAVE IN AMERICA.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Sunday.

Accompanying the long-predicted cold wave, 150,000 anthracite miners at Scranton, Pennsylvania, threaten to strike in sympathy with 10,000 employés of the Pennsylvania Coal Company in the Pittston district, who allege failure by the union officials to settle existing grievances.

If the strike materialises New York's coal supply will be seriously imperiled. The leaders are working desperately to avert a strike, while the miners predict a bitter struggle.

ANGRY SPANISH MONARCHIST.

CHALLENGE TO A NOVELIST.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MADRID, Saturday.

Senor Benigo Varela, director of the Royalist weekly newspaper, *La Monarquia*, challenges the Spanish novelist, Senor Blasco Ibanez, to sanguinary duel in an open letter published to-day in English, French Italian and Spanish, so that the international novelist will be sure to understand its meaning.

Senor Varela announces his intention of going to France to find Senor Ibanez, whether he may be in Paris or Menton, and "slap his face in public, so that the romancer will have to fight or be for ever dishonoured as a coward in the eyes of his own countrymen."

As Senor Varela has the reputation of being one of the most clever duellists living, both with the swords and pistols, Senor Ibanez may find himself in some difficulties.

The challenge is worded in the most insulting terms that the author could imagine, and brands Ibanez as "traitor, coward, profiteer, adventurer, blackguard," and other pleasant things. Nevertheless, Senor Varela declares that if this is not enough to make Ibanez fight he intends to beard the "Menton millionaire" in his den, and ask him who is paying his bills now, and "box his ears."

The Spanish Monarchist's answer to Senor Ibanez's attack on King Alfonso has now appeared in four languages, and is being placed on sale in as many countries as possible. The answer is entitled, "The Novelist who Sold his Fatherland," and contains information concerning Senor Ibanez's life during the past twenty years, as well as proof that his assertions concerning King Alfonso are false. In fact, it can safely be said that the only result of Blasco Ibanez's campaign against the Spanish Sovereign has been to arouse the patriotism and monarchial loyalty of practically every class of the Spanish people.

The Spanish Monarchy is in no danger whatever from Senor Ibanez, and whoever is paying for the novelist's campaign—Admiral Magaz, the Acting Dictator of Spain, tells me that he is convinced it is the Soviets—is throwing away much good money.

IRISH CATTLE FOR BELGIUM.

NO QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS.

A Ministerial decree has been issued by the Belgian Government authorising the importation of Irish cattle into Belgium without quarantine restrictions.

The text of the decree, which is dated 26th November, 1924, may be translated as follows:—

"The Minister of Agriculture and of Public Works:

"In regard to the law of the 30th December, 1882, relative to sanitary regulations for domestic animals;

"In regard to the Articles 44, 45 and 46 of the Regulation of General Administration of the 20th September, 1883, adopted in accordance with this law;

"In regard to the Royal Decree of the 25th April, 1922, and also the Ministerial Decree of the 15th May, 1922, concerning the sanitary control of domestic animals presented for importation;

"Whereas no grave contagious disease actually exists among cattle in Ireland;

"NOTICE:

"Art. 1. Notwithstanding Article 11 of the Ministerial Decree of the 15th May, 1922, ruminants coming from Ireland can, until further order, be imported and landed at the Port of Antwerp, subject only to examination on landing and without being subjected to quarantine.

"After the sanitary examination, ruminants of Irish origin intended for importation may be marketed freely in Belgium.

"Art. 11. The present Decree comes into force the day after its publication in the *Moniteur*.

(Signed) BARON RUZETTE."

MORE TROUBLE IN MALABAR.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ALLAHABAD, Sunday.

Reports from Malabar state that serious communal troubles are brewing between the Moplahs and Hindus.

Fanatical Moplahs are protesting vigorously against the prohibition of the slaughter of cows by the Calicut and other municipalities, where there are Hindu majorities.

Dr. J. C. Martin, Resident Medical Superintendent of the Donegal Asylum, Letterkenny, has been appointed Medical Visitor in Lunacy for County Donegal.

A COMMUNIST SCARE.

AMIENS REVOLT TALE DENIED.

PREMIER'S APPEAL.

"PERFIDIOUS CAMPAIGN OF INVENTION."

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Sunday.

The story published by an evening paper here of a projected Communist rising at Amiens was completely denied yesterday, and its authors are to be prosecuted.

The civil and military authorities declare that they are taking no exceptional measures with the local Communists, who are a small and unimportant body; that the town is undisturbed; that there have been no police searches.

The paper in question—*La Liberté*—which made them on the authority of its Special Correspondent in a signed telegram, neither withdraws nor denies them, but continues its invective of the Premier and his party.

It represents a section of the Press whose hope seems to be that M. Herriot will be pushed to strong action against the Communists, and thus risk the support of the Socialists in the Chamber, or, if he abstains from such action, will be discredited for a weak indulgence to the enemies of the State.

M. Herriot last evening invited to his room a number of newspaper men, and addressed them on the subject. That he and his Government should be attacked, he said, was in the rules of the game, but the perfidious campaign of invention would bring about a grave situation if it were continued, and was damaging the moral and material credit of France.

The Government had been alive from the first to the needs of the situation, but he complained that even the precautions taken had been misused to prove an imminent danger that did not exist. He appealed to all good citizens to react against such mischievous propaganda.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Sunday.

There continues to be much talk in France of the so-called Communist peril and the Communists' tireless activity in proselytising is an undoubted fact. Another fact is the general orderliness of Communist demonstrations.

What is doubtful is whether converts are flocking to the Soviet faith as plentifully as Moscow could wish. To-day the Communists were bidden by the newspaper *Humanité* to attend a monster open-air meeting on the north-east outskirts of Paris, and some 5,000 trusty followers of the red flag put in an appearance at the bleak rendezvous, and listened, shivering, to the usual harangues against capital and fascism, after which they quietly disbanded.

The only trouble the police had was with a few unfortunates who fainted from the cold.

Meanwhile a battle royal is raging between the Press of the Right and Left, the former charging M. Herriot, the Premier, with wilfully hushing up the danger of Red revolution, and the latter accusing the Opposition of being deliberately alarmist, with a view to sowing panic and fostering the creation of a Fascist movement.

M. Herriot's bedside appeal to the Press yesterday to throw cold water on panic-mongering is significant as showing that the Government admits the existence of a certain unrest and is alarmed, not by the Communist spectre, but by the political success of the Conservative Press campaign in starting the Communist hare, for the purpose of proclaiming the Government's unpreparedness and incapacity.

To-night the *Liberté*, which is threatened with prosecution for the publication of alleged false news, thanks M. Herriot for giving it the opportunity of dealing the Government a knock-out blow, and declares that it will insist upon a public trial at the Assizes and will call M. Herriot and other Ministers as witnesses.

And so the controversy continues. If it has no other result it affords the Communists an abundance of free advertisement.

Later.

The Communist meeting this afternoon was held at Pre-Saint Gervais. Notwithstanding the appeals of various Communist organs, the attendance was far inferior to that at the July meeting, when between 25,000 and 30,000 persons were present.—(Reuter.)

VATICAN MISSIONARY EXHIBITION.

OPENED BY THE POPE.

ROME, Saturday.

The Vatican Missionary Exhibition was opened this morning to the Press, which was invited to visit it before the official inauguration of the Exhibition by the Pope to-morrow. All the branches of the Exhibition have been organised by recognised experts, and there has been a great wealth of material to draw upon, supplied by the Catholic missions throughout the world, so that the Exhibition presents a complete history of the work of Christianity from the birth of Christ to the present day. Moreover, the balance has been well maintained between exhibits of interest to the casual visitor, and those demonstrating the more serious side of missionary work.

The response to the Pope's appeal for material was so great that the Exhibition now occupies a surface of some 65,000 square feet. It is divided into two parts, the first illustrating the general history of the missionary work, beginning with exhibits from the Holy Land. It traces the growth of missions and of their work throughout the centuries, and includes relics of saints from all parts of the world, and paintings and statues of famous Catholic missionaries.

The second part contains exhibits from each individual Catholic mission, showing the mode of living, customs and idols of the heathen races, as well as specimens of their work and the principal products of each country. Other features of interest are the medical section, depicting the principal diseases which have to be combatted in missionary regions, and the methods adopted, and the library, where, in addition to a wealth of missionary literature, many precious documents are exhibited. In short, the building, which is constructed of fireproof material, in a style harmonising with its beautiful surroundings, is expected to be one of the chief attractions in Rome during the coming holy year.—(Reuter.)

Sunday.

The Pope to-day formally opened the Vatican Missionary Exhibition, in presence of the Cardinals, of the Papal Diplomatic Corps and a number of dignatories and officials at the Vatican. In reply to a speech by Cardinal van Rossum, President of the General Committee, His Holiness spoke in praise of the missionaries' work of carrying the Gospel of Christ to the most isolated parts of the world, and exhorted the faithful to give all the help in their power by prayers and offerings. At the close of the proceedings the Pope gave the Apostolic Blessing, and afterwards visited the various sections of the Exhibition.—(Reuter.)

THE ROYAL VISIT TO AFRICA.

NAIROBI, Sunday.

The Mulbera, with the Duke and Duchess of York on board, has signalled to Mombasa that the arrival of the vessel may be expected to-morrow and that all are well on board. The town is brightly decorated in honour of the occasion.

All is in readiness here also for the Royal visitors, and Nairobi is gaily beflagged. The railway company has prepared a special time table de luxe, and the East African *Standard* has issued a fine art Royal supplement.

The Uganda programme includes a visit to the Buganda native Parliament and the opportunity of seeing various native festivals, as well as a shooting trip in the Semliki Valley. The weather is glorious.—(Reuter.)

SHANNON SCHEME.

CHEAP ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

COMPARISONS WITH PRESENT PRICES.

The report of the Continental experts on the Siemens-Schuckert scheme for the electrification of the water-power of the Irish Free State has excited much interest throughout the country.

The figure of 0.53d., estimated as the cost per unit of a bulb of electricity to Dublin under the Shannon "first development" project is less than the present cost per unit for coal alone used in generating the Dublin Corporation supply.

In the Corporation accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1924, the "costs per unit sold" are stated as follows:—

For coal	0.69d.
For other expenses of generation, distribution and management.	1.66d.
	2.35d.
For interest on loans and dividends, etc., on stock	.36d.
For repayment of loans and sinking fund	.75d.
Total cost per unit (exclusive of renewals and reserve)	3.46d.

The "average price obtained for current" is shown as follows:—

For private supply	4.59d.
For public lighting (less maintenance costs)	2.89d.
For total supply	4.39d.

The total number of units sold was 13,429,875 in the year, including 449,433 units for bulk supplies to townships, etc. The total maximum supply demanded was 11,054 kilowatts, the dynamos having a capacity of 12,000 kilowatts.

Another figure of interest in connection with discussion of a water-power scheme is that of 480.84 given as the number of units sold per ton of coal used for generation. On this basis the quantity of coal consumed in the production of 50,000,000 units, the present estimated production of electricity in the Free State, would be more than 100,000 tons annually; but, as smaller producers obtain fewer units per ton than Dublin obtains, the quantity of coal consumed in the production of electricity must be considerably greater.

PRESENT DUBLIN RATES.

The charges made to consumers at present by Dublin Corporation vary from 8d. for current for lighting to 1¾d. for power delivered to the largest consumers. Lighting charges vary from 6d. to 8d. according to consumption, and power charges from 1¾d. to 5½d., also according to consumption. The maximum price for lighting will be reduced by 1d. per unit from 1st January next. In Rathmines the charges are 8d. for lighting and 4½d. for power.

These figures are not, however, properly comparable with that of .53d., because they include distribution and other costs, which would still have to be taken into consideration in calculating the cost of current to Dublin consumers under the Shannon scheme.

The consumption of electricity supplied by Dublin Corporation has increased from 9,509,683 in 1920 to 15,293,110 in 1924; and the maximum demand has increased from 8,242 kilowatts in 1920 to 11,054 kilowatts in 1924.

The total present production of electric current in the Dublin district, including other townships and the tramways, is estimated at 36,000,000 units. The demand is increasing rapidly even under present conditions, and the promoters of Liffey schemes estimated that they must allow for a demand of 50 or 60 million units on the completion of the works.

The "first development" of the Shannon which the expert advisers on the Siemens scheme recommend would produce 150,000,000 units for the Free State as a whole.

PRICES IN BELFAST.

Charges for electricity in Belfast, it may be noted, range from 6½d. to 3½d. per unit for lighting, and 2d. per unit for heating, cooking and other domestic purposes. The majority of domestic consumers, however, are going on the new valuation basis, paying 20 per cent. per annum of the rateable value of the house as a fixed charge of 1d. per unit on the actual amount of electricity consumed for any purpose. The charge for power supply varies according to total consumption, load factor and maximum demand, and cannot be stated simply as a unit charge.

WHAT LIMERICK THINKS.

The expert's report on the Shannon power scheme is of special interest to Limerick, since, if it were realised, it would provide cheap power and light for the counties of Limerick, Clare and Tipperary.

The question of canal development has again and again been before the Harbour Board and Chamber of Commerce, it being pointed out that improved navigation by deepening of lower reaches would enable a larger type of craft to be used on the upper reaches of the Shannon, and would open free communication for such vessels to and from the estuary of the Shannon.

BUSY DAYS AT QUEENSTOWN.

CARMANIA FAILS TO CALL.

Owing to a strong southerly wind, accompanied by a heavy sea-swell, the Cunard liner Carmania did not call to Queenstown on Sunday morning. The Carmania had on board a large special party of Irish-Americans, home-coming for Christmas, to be landed at Queenstown.

A few hours later the White Star liner Celtic called at Queenstown, and landed over fifty Irish-Americans.

During the past week-end at Queenstown five liners, representing four of the biggest shipping companies, landed and embarked passengers and mails. The first was on Friday morning, when the liner Cleveland landed a number of passengers, inaugurating the new joint service between Queenstown and New York, and *vice versa*, of the United American and Hamburg-American Lines. On Saturday the liner President Roosevelt landed some passengers and almost 2,000 sacks of mails—the largest single consignment for Ireland since the war. Nearly 400 passengers, the majority of whom were Irish emigrants for the United States, sailed from Queenstown on Sunday morning in the White Star liner Regina and the Cunard liner Caronia.

ARMED RAIDERS IN DUBLIN.

TWO OFFICES ROBBED.

Two big robberies took place in Dublin during the end of the week.

As reported in the *Irish Times* on Saturday, two young men, armed and disguised, entered the premises of Messrs. Paul and Vincent, Sir John Rogerson's quay, on Friday evening and forced open the door of the cashier's office. They found two clerks working inside and told them to put up their hands. After a thorough search they left the premises with a sum of, roughly, £200, first having warned the clerks not to stir for ten minutes.

The money taken in this case was meant for the payment of employés wages.

Close on £100 was seized by two young men, who raided the premises of Messrs. J. H. Thomson and Son, Limited, wholesale confectioners, Bridgefoot street, at 9.30 o'clock on Saturday night. The cashier was alone in the building at the time. Rushing into his office the robbers adopted a threatening attitude and shouted: "Put your hands up; the place is surrounded!"

The first man to enter was armed with a revolver. He handed the weapon to his companion when the cashier put up his hands and then began to ransack the office. After he had secured all the money that was to be got he rejoined his confederate, and the two men ran out of the building. In the street they were joined by a third man, who, apparently, had stood "on guard" outside.

So far there have been no arrests.

TRAIN BANDITS CONDEMNED.

WARSAW, Friday.

The Court at Slonin has passed sentence of death on five bandits who were concerned with an attack on a passenger train near Baranowicz, in Eastern Poland, in September last. Four others were sentenced to imprisonment for life.—(Reuter.)

LATE NEWS.

BOLSHEVISM IN RUSSIA.

THE TRADES UNION REPORT.

The Times, in a leading article, entitled "A Promised Report," deals with the preliminary statement of the Trades Union Congress "Commission of Investigation" into the condition of Bolshevist Russia, and says:—The statement does not affect to offer evidence. It makes a series of assertions, giving conclusions and impressions, but it refers us to the unpublished report for proof. That document, we are assured, will contain the information necessary to justify "the Trade Union and Labour policy" in favour of "the full diplomatic and economic recognition of Russia." It will do more; it will "prove that millions of new capital could be properly and safely invested" in Bolshevist Russia, and it will "fully justify" the Labour contention that Russia under Soviet rule has so far improved the moral and material conditions of its people as to have now earned a permanent place among European nations.

The evidence on these subjects when it is produced will be examined with deep interest. As its nature is not indicated, even in the widest terms, by the statement, all that can be done usefuly for the present is to note some of the "general conclusions" to which the delegation have come. They declare that the social, industrial and economic conditions of Russia have "enormously improved" since the visit of the British Delegation in 1920. They seem to have missed the fact that the Russia which this delegation visited was still under the system of pure Communism, and not to have noticed how much improvement as there has been since has followed upon the partial abandonment of pure Communism which Lenin introduced under the name of the "new economic policy." The delegation say that the economic restoration is "very rapid." But there is still a great deal of leeway to make up. The *International Labour Review*, the organ of the Labour Department of the League of Nations, states in its number for last month that in Russia "real wages are not more than 65 *per cent.* of pre-war wages," and that the material condition of workers is so low that "it is doubtful whether they can increase their output." On many other important matters—as, for example, wages and the position of trade unions, to which fact their attention was drawn before they started—they are still silent. It will be instructive to learn what opinions they have formed upon them, and to see how they reconcile their views with the frank admissions made by the leading members of the Soviet Administration, by the principal Bolshevist Government organs, and by such independent observers as the International Labour Office of the League of Nations.

FIRST TEST MATCH.

M.C.C. V. AUSTRALIA; TO-DAY'S PLAY.

SYDNEY, Monday.

M.C.C.—First Innings (continued).

Hobbs not out	66
Sutcliffe not out	32
Extras	2
Total (no wicket)	100

—(Reuter.)

THE RELIGIOUS ISSUE.

THE POSITION OF M. HERRIOT.

FROM THE TIMES CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Sunday.

There is no immediate political danger for M. Herriot in the Communist issue. On the contrary, he and his Radical friends have used the French public's fear of an alleged Communist plot to strengthen the *Cartel des Gauches* by forcing the Socialists definitely to ignore the extremists on their Left. The Nationalist movement started by M. Millerand, the former President of the Republic, and by General de Castelnau, although it corresponds to the feeling of a large mass of the public, is not in itself dangerous, because it is extra-Parliamentary, and the Chamber of Deputies, secure for a few years, will not react to it unless something really catastrophic happens.

Old Parliamentary hands know that if M. Herriot falls his fall will be brought about, not by a movement in the country, but by a change in the mentality of the Chamber. This change can occur only in connection with two matters—finance and the religious issue. The religious issue will come up first when the Government's proposal to abolish the Embassy to the Vatican is discussed in connection with the estimates for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

If it had not been for M. Herriot's illness this discussion would have taken place before Christmas, and it is said that M. Briand, who is bound by his previous utterances in favour of the maintenance of the Embassy, was glad of the opportunity which his attendance at the League Council meeting seemed to give him of remaining in Rome while the question was being discussed.

But now the foreign affairs estimates will not come up for discussion until January, and M. Briand and his group will be forced to define their attitude, and this is very likely to bring about a crisis of considerable importance.

GERMAN DEADLOCK.

QUESTION OF PERSONALITIES.

The Berlin Correspondent of *The Times* writes:—In view of the present deadlock of the parties, the construction of a Cabinet on the basis of a political coalition has almost ceased to be discussed. On the other hand, the possibility of a "Cabinet of personalities" is being explored, and the name of Herr Luther, the present Finance Minister in the interim Cabinet, is being unofficially mentioned as the Minister most competent to under take it.

Herr Luther, who had been on a voyage to Lisbon, only returned to Berlin yesterday. He is a member of the People's Party, and it may be assumed that if he were to form a Government he would certainly include in it members of the Nationalist Party. A Government of this kind would come before the Reichstag and seek a vote of confidence on its programme alone. That, however, would be sufficient to safeguard it against extreme measures as its fall could very easily be compassed. This proposal may point the way to a solution of the problem, but it is unlikely that any action will be taken until the last moment before the Reichstag assembles.

AN IMPRISONED COUNTESS.

STRANGE STORY IN A GERMAN COURT.

BERLIN, Sunday.

How a Countess, the wife of a Major-General, served a sentence of nearly four years' imprisonment rather than betray her lover, was revealed in the Berlin Courts yesterday. The Countess met the man during the war while her husband was on active service, and came entirely under his influence, and at his instigation she stole the valuable contents of a furnished flat which she had rented from a General's widow. She took all the blame upon herself, and served her term of imprisonment, having promised her lover not to incriminate him.

Her true part in the affair came to light recently owing to the lover's wife denouncing him from jealousy, though before the Court the latter withdrew all her accusations.

Scores of letters from women, including countesses and baronesses, were read in Court, offering to provide the man in question with a lawyer, and promising to look after him when he should have finished serving the term of imprisonment to which he was sentenced.—(Reuter.)

An increase in assets of over a million dollars is shown in the annual report of McGill University (says a Reuter message from Montreal). For the session ending May 31, 1923, assets totalled 26,030,478 dollars, while for the similar period this year they amounted to 27,041,159 dollars.

NO POWER TO TAKE A PLEBISCITE.

STATEMENT BY MR. JUSTICE FEETHAM.

COMMISSIONERS VISIT DERRY AND DONEGAL.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

DERRY, Sunday.

Having concluded their tour of the border counties, the Boundary Commissioners will leave Derry for Dublin to-morrow.

The *Derry Journal*, referring to the visit of the Nationalist deputation to the Commission on Saturday last, states that the Chairman informed the deputation that the Commission had no powers to hold a plebiscite for the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the inhabitants. No provision had been made in the Treaty for taking a vote, but all records, including census figures and results of elections, would be taken into account. Another interesting tit-bit of information elicited was that, in carrying out the work with which they are charged, the Commissioners would not have regard to historic considerations.

On Saturday afternoon the Commissioners were visited by a representative party of Derry Nationalists, led by Mr. John Tracey, solicitor. With Mr. Tracey were:—The Rev. W. McFeely, B.D., P.P., Waterside; the Rev. L. Hegarty, Adm., Derry; ex-Alderman B. Bonner, Secretary of the local Boundary Committee, and Messrs. W. J. Doherty, M.R.I.A.; P. J. McGrath, M.R.I.A.; F. C. Travers, and J. Logue. The party had a pretty long interview with the Commissioners.

Later in the afternoon the members of the Commission interviewed some of the principal Unionists of the city. They had half an hour's chat with Mr. T. F. Cooke, H.M.L., and at the Guildhall they interviewed the Mayor, Mr. Scott Moore, J.P.; the Town Clerk, Sir H. Miller, and the President of Derry Chamber of Commerce, Mr. R. Watson. At the offices of Messrs. McCrea and Farland they talked with Sir H. McFarland, and they also visited Mr. Shaw, the Chief Surveyor of Customs.

In the afternoon the Commissioners set out on a tour of North Donegal, taking in the peninsula of Inishowen. They went *via* Buncrana, where, at the Civic Guards' Barracks, the cars stopped, and Sergeant Hartigan, of the Civic Guards, was taken on the leading car as guide. Instructions had been given to the Free State Customs officials to waive the regulations in the case of the Commissioners. Going towards Buncrana they passed through Fahan. At Buncrana the Commissioners called on Senator McLoughlin, but he was not at his place of business.

The Commissioners then proceeded through Drumfries, on to Carndonagh, and into Moville without stopping. At Moville they visited Carnagarve House, the seaside residence of the Most Rev. Dr. McHugh, Roman Catholic Bishop of Derry. They had twenty minutes' conversation with Dr. McHugh, and then returned by the direct route along Lough Foyle to Derry.

This afternoon the Commissioners, accompanied by the Mayor of Derry, drove out as far as Newtowncunningham. They ascended the Grianan of Aileach Hill, from which they had a view of the frontier line from Culmore round to Carrigans. On the return journey they called at the residence of Colonel Harte, of Kilderry, a prominent East Donegal Unionist, with whom they had tea. The Commissioners reached Derry at six o'clock this evening.

To-morrow, it is understood, they will receive Mr. George Leeke, M.P., a member of the Northern Parliament, with Professor MacNeill for Derry City and County. The tour is expected to conclude in the afternoon.

FERMANAGH COUNTY COUNCIL'S ATTITUDE.

At the meeting of Fermanagh County Council, Mr. James Cooper, Chairman, referred to the recent visit of the Boundary Commission to Enniskillen. He said that Sir Basil Brooke, Sir C. Falls and himself, with the Secretary and Solicitor to the Council, told the Commission that before deciding to give evidence they desired to get information in regard to the Commission and its powers. They wished to know whether the Commission proposed to hear evidence regarding the proposed change of the Boundary or only in regard to straightening out the present anomalies on both sides of the border. Mr. Justice Feetham could not answer the question, and desired to have it put in writing. The deputation stated that they did not, and would not, recognise the Commission if it claimed any right to transfer large areas into the Free State. If the Commission meant merely to straighten the Boundary the County Council might consider the question of giving evidence. The Council adopted a resolution stating that if the Boundary Commissioners gave assurance that their duties were confined to rectification of anomalies on both sides of the border they would prepare a case and submit evidence, but that consideration of the matter should be adjourned pending a reply from the Commission.

IRISH DOCTOR KILLED IN LONDON.

CRUSHED BY A MOTOR LORRY.

Dr. Charles James Pentland, a well-known medical practitioner, was killed outside his house, 15a Gower street, London, as the result of a collision between a motor car and a motor lorry yesterday morning.

The doctor was waiting on the pavement in front of his door for some friends, when the car, coming along Store street, met a lorry coming up Gower street. The lorry, in consequence of the accident, mounted the pavement, and caught Dr. Pentland, crushing him against the iron railings of his house. He received such severe injuries that death took place almost immediately.

The lorry smashed the railings, and narrowly escaped falling into the area. The driver just managed to steer the fore part into the road again. Although badly shaken and upset, the man was not injured. The driver of the car also escaped injury.

Dr. Pentland was an Irishman, the son of Dr. Henry Pentland, J.P., of Mohill, County Leitrim, where he himself had practised. He was one of those who sought refuge in England during the Irish disturbances, and had been in practice in London for three years. He held the degree of M.D.—Dublin—and was a captain in the R.A.M.C. during the war. He had built up a good practice in Gower street, and was greatly liked by his patients. He leaves a widow and two young children.

The second son of the Amir of Afghanistan, a boy of one year, has died at Kabul.

After a Cabinet Council in Lisbon yesterday morning, the Prime Minister stated that it had been decided to accept the resignation of the High Commissioner of Angola, Senhor Rego Chaves, who desired to resign the High Commissionership because of disagreement with the Minister of the Colonies in regard to the internal loan.

TO-DAY'S INDEX.

	Page.
LEADING ARTICLES:	
National House-Cleaning	6
Communism in France	6
America and Japan	6
A Famous Picture	6
GENERAL:	
Agriculture in the Free State	5
Anglo-American Relations	7
Border Tour	7
Broadcasting Programme	9
Bolshevism in Russia	7
Civil War in Russia	8
Communist Scare	7
Dublin, Belfast and the Provinces	5
Evacuation of Cologne	8
Irish Commercial Travellers	8
"Merry Christmas"	5
No Power to Take a Plebiscite	7
"No Crisis"	7
Restoration in Russia	8
Shannon Scheme	7
Stage and Screen	5
The Future of Ireland	7
U.S. Markets	4
Woman and Her Home	3
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:	
The Second Virtue	4
Women Medical Officers	4
Labour Disputes in Wicklow	4
FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKETS	11
SPORTING NEWS	10-4

"NO CRISIS."

(Continued from Page 7, Column 1.)

made to secure unity with the National group. The trouble about that is that until the claim is definitely dropped that Army officers are entitled to be politicians, are entitled to mutiny, are entitled, having mutinied, to remain in, or return to, the Army, no progress can be made along that line.

"The present Government is not prepared to discuss that as an issue with any body of politicians. On the day when any Government does that the Army will cease to be the disciplined servant of the State.

"Meanwhile people can rest assured that the statements which appeared in the week-end Press are false in their presentation of the issues involved, and utterly extravagant in the impression they are intended to convey of the dimensions of the differences within the Cumann na nGaedheal Party."

A TELEGRAM TO CAVAN.

ADVICE TO THE LOCAL CONVENTION.

The following is the *Evening Herald* statement referred to by Mr. O'Higgins:—

"We understand on reliable authority that a meeting of the Government Party was held last night in Dublin and lasted until 3 a.m. to-day.

"The meeting was equally divided on the question as to the admission of the Unionist and other elements without the sanction of the Cumann na nGaedheal Executive.

"At the same time, it was held, no efforts were being made to reconcile the Irish-Ireland or National element, which had done so much to bring about the Treaty.

"A notice of motion was handed in towards the close of the meeting to the effect that efforts should be made immediately to get in touch with and, if possible, to bring about a reconciliation with the deputies who have left the Dail as a protest against the want of a national policy on the part of the Government.

"With this end in view, we understand, telegrams were sent to the Cumann na nGaedheal Executives at Cavan and Sligo, where Conventions are being held to-morrow to select candidates for the forthcoming by-elections.

"The following was sent to Cavan:—'Advice deferred selection of candidates at to-morrow's convention. Many of us believe that there should be reconciliation with Milroy at Cavan and men like him. Notice of motion tabled to that effect for next party meeting. Selection to-morrow would defeat effort. — (Signed) Padraic O'Maille, T.D., Deputy Speaker of Dail; C. M. Byrne, T.D.'"

CAVAN CONVENTION.

NO CANDIDATE SELECTED.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CAVAN, Sunday.

At a largely-attended convention of the Cumann na nGaedheal here to-night, Mr. B. O'Reilly, Templeport, presiding, it was unanimously decided to hold an adjourned convention on Sunday, 4th January next, for the selection of a candidate for the County Cavan vacancy.

Mr. Blythe, who attended with Mr. P. J. Egan, T.D., said that the report about the party compromise in this morning's *Sunday Independent* was entirely unauthorised and misleading, and that probably there would be more talk about it in the proper quarter. Mr. O'Maille had no authority to send out the telegram to which his name was appended, and it was the wish of the special Organising Committee of Cumann na nGaedheal that steps should be taken that day to select a candidate.

It was suggested that a candidate should be selected that evening, but the Chairman said that that could not be done, as the matter was not on the agenda.

THE LEITRIM-SLIGO VACANCY.

For the Leitrim-Sligo vacancy the names of Mr. F. Roddy, Sligo, and Mr. A. Mooney, Drumshambo, Chairman of the Sligo and Leitrim Mental Hospital, are mentioned as probable Cumann na nGaedheal candidates, and it is suggested that they may be opposed by Mr. S. H. Holt, Carrick-on-Shannon, and Mr. F. O'Beirne, Collooney.

THE HUGUENOTS IN DUBLIN.

ANNIVERSARY SERMONS.

At St. Luke's Parish Church, Dublin, yesterday, the Rev. J. Purser Shortt, curate of St Catherine's, and the Rev. Robert Northridge, rector of St. Andrew's, delivered "anniversary" sermons on the coming of the Huguenots to Dublin, consequent upon the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, 1685. St. Luke's was built early in the eighteenth century as a result of the conditions which were created by the influx of a large number of the Huguenot refugees.

Mr. Shortt said that Ireland, among the lands that gave them shelter, had reason to be grateful to the Huguenot refugees, for they had brought many industries to the country. The original Corporation of Weavers comprised silk, cotton, linen, woollen and velvet makers; and Irish poplin, which was made from wool and silk, had become world famous. Lately the poplin industry had passed through a trying time, but it was gratifying to know that it now had promise of brighter days.

Not only Dublin, but also Waterford, Portarlington, Kilkenny, Lisburn, Cork, Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir, Youghal, and Limerick were associated with memories of the Huguenots. The settlers had done much for Dublin. One of their first activities was to start a flower club at Rose Tavern, in Drumcondra lane, now called Dorset street, and in doing this they had encouraged the cultivation of flowers.

Referring to the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, Mr. Shortt said:—"The industrial classes are the nerve and sinew of a country, and any policy which drove such people from their fatherland is a policy which, as history can show, may be fraught with disastrous consequences." The flight of the persecuted Huguenots from France was an event of inestimable advantage to those countries that gave shelter to the fugitives, but of irreparable loss to their native land.

Christmas Presents

which are a pleasure to give and a delight to receive.

ALBERTS—Gent.'s Hall-marked Solid Gold Double Alberts, 37/6; usually 60/-. Heavier pattern, 55/-; usually £5.

BANGLES—Solid Gold Slave Bangles, Hall-marked, 18/6 each; others 27/6 and 35/-. Best value in Ireland. "The Talk of the Trade."

BRACELETS—Solid Gold, Curb Bracelets, each link stamped, 32/6; elsewhere 55/-. Diamond Half-Hoop Bracelet, £15 15/-; were £30.

BRACELET WATCHES—15-Jewel Lever, finest Expanding Bracelets, Solid Gold; really accurate and absolutely reliable; 5 years' guarantee in writing; this quality sells at 95/-. Our price, 67/6.

CIGARETTE CASES—Solid Silver, 17/-, usually 34/-; 30/-, usually 60/-; 50/-, usually 100/-. Solid Gold, £8 15/-, was £17 10/-; £9 15/-, was £20; £14, was £27 15/-.

RINGS—3-Stone Diamond Platinum Set, £10 10/-, cost £20; £15/-, cost £30. 5-Stone Diamond Half-Hoop, £8 15/-, £20, and £40. All half cost price. Single-Stone Diamond, cost £100; sacrifice £60.

SALVERS—Silver-plated on Copper. The quality which outlasts other kinds, 45/- and 50/-; usually 75/- and 100/-. Solid Silver Salvers, 55/6, 115/-, and 145/-.

SAUCE BOATS—Solid Silver, Hall-marked, 21/-, 30/-, and 45/-; great value.

SALT, Mustard and Pepper Spoons, with blue glass linings, in velvet lined case, 35/-. A most attractive and useful present.

TEA SET, Solid Silver, 3 pieces, £4 15/-, £11 15/-, and £16 15/-, exactly half usual prices.

TEA TRAYS, finest quality Silver on Copper, 85/-; larger size, 115/- and 125/-. Best value in the Trade.

ALSO a large Selection of Jewellery, Gold and Silver Ware, at Bargain Prices for Cash. Post Orders receive prompt attention. Old Gold, Jewellery and Silver Exchanged or Bought for Cash.

ORGEL & CO.,
35 NASSAU ST., DUBLIN.
NEXT ELVERY'S.

CIVIL WAR IN RUSSIA?

ODESSA STORY.

"BARRACKS SHELLED: MANY DEAD."

RIVAL PARTIES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

VIENNA, Sunday.

According to despatches received here from Odessa, what amounts to civil war has broken out in Moscow, Nishni Novgorod, Kasan, and other Russian centres between partisans of Trotsky and Zinovieff. The messages state that up to a point Trotsky's supporters have been successful.

In Rumanian circles, according to telephone messages from Bucharest, which also report these outbreaks, a great struggle, it is believed, is beginning for the mastery of Russia.

The Odessa despatches state that the Secretary-General of the Communist Party of Moscow, M. Stahlin, was thrown into prison by Trotsky's partisans because M. Stahlin issued a circular characterising Trotsky as a traitor.

The President of the Council of Soviet Commissars, M. Rykov, visited the barracks in which M. Stahlin was imprisoned, and demanded the latter's release. The commander of the barracks is said to have agreed, on the condition that M. Stahlin resigned his Communist office and left Moscow immediately. Both M. Stahlin and M. Rykov are reported to have refused to agree to these conditions.

The Odessa message adds that the Government's heavy guns were then turned on to the barracks, the building being destroyed completely, with numerous dead and wounded on both sides.

Two Soviet Generals, Kutijawitch and Deventoff, are reported to have declared themselves openly in support of Trotsky.

MOSCOW, Saturday.

"Exile everyone showing the slightest sympathy for Trotsky. Stamp out with the utmost vigour the growing tendency among the workers to favour Trotsky's policies," are amongst the orders in an official Communistic circular signed by M. Stahlin and M. Kameneff, and circulated widely throughout the Soviet Republics.

The circular orders an active campaign to be started immediately against the former war chief, and authorises the Cheka to exile and execute without trial in order to kill the growing sympathy with Trotsky.

STOCKHOLM RUMOURS.

Odessa telegrams received in Stockholm also report the capture of a number of public buildings in several Russian towns by the supporters of Trotsky, and street fighting between supporters of Trotsky and of Zinovieff is reported from Nijni Novgorod and Kasan.

This fighting is likely, so the report says, to lead to civil war; for Trotsky has threatened to call out the Red Army to his support.

NEW STEAMER SERVICE TO QUEENSTOWN.

ARRIVAL OF THE CLEVELAND.

FROM OUR OWN REPORTER.

The arrival of the s.s. Cleveland, at Queenstown, on last Friday morning marks the inauguration of a regular service between the United States of America, England, Ireland, and Germany. The Cleveland is one of a fleet of steamers belonging to the joint service of the United American Lines and the Hamburg-America Line. She is of 17,000 tons burthen, 589 feet long, with 65 feet beam, 10,500 horse-power engines, and is a twin-screw oil-burner, with accommodation for 600 cabin passengers in addition to steerage passengers. After a voyage of about seven-and-a-half days, the Cleveland arrived at Queenstown at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, in glorious weather, and disembarked 23 passengers. Early in the afternoon she sailed for Plymouth, Cherbourg, and Hamburg with about 500 passengers. Henceforward there will be an inward and an outward service every alternate fortnight by an excellent fleet of steamers beautifully furnished and appointed.

On Friday morning last a large party proceeded from Queenstown in a tender to welcome the Cleveland, which anchored about three miles from the quay. It included Mr. A. W. Hewett (Hewett's Tourist Office), Dublin. Mr. F. R. Carroll (United States Lines), 3 and 4 College street, Dublin; Mr. L. A. Dicks (representing Messrs. W. H. Muller and Co., London, General Passenger Agents); Mr. J. M. Kennedy, travelling representative; Mr. B. Courtney, Mr. J. A. O'Kelly, District Traffic Agent, Great Western Railway of England, Patrick street, Cork; Mr. J. M. Kennedy, Mr. George Harris, White Star Agent, Queenstown; Mr. W. H. Thompson, Superintendent, Great Southern Railway; Mr. D. P. Buckley, London, Midland and Scottish Railway; Mr. Denis Murphy, P.C.; Captain Osborne, Harbour Master; Mr. Otto Humbert, States Hotel, Queenstown, etc.

As the tender drew alongside the Cleveland the ship's band played "St. Patrick's Day," and at the gangway they were welcomed by Captain W. B. Hillman and other leading officers of the Cleveland. A short tour was made of the principal apartments of the steamer, and the visitors were much impressed by the arrangements made for the comfort of the passengers.

The visitors were entertained by the captain in one of the dining saloons.

Mr. J. M. Kennedy said that on behalf of the United American Line he wished to express their pleasure at having so many distinguished representatives from Ireland present. They expected that Ireland would be good to them, and the new service would be a new link between Ireland, America, and Germany. (Applause.)

Mr. J. A. O'Kelly, on behalf of the visitors, said that on looking over the beautiful ship he thought that it was an augury of what the trade would be with Germany. That trade would have been established ten years ago if certain things had not come to pass. There was great scope for business between Germany and this country. As a matter of fact, within the past month an offer had been made to put some of their goods on the German markets. He believed that there would be a great development of trade between Ireland and Germany. He thanked the captain for the pleasant morning he had given them, and he wished the new project every success. (Applause.)

Mr. A. W. Hewett proposed the toast of the captain, which was heartily honoured.

Captain Hillman replied briefly, and wished them all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

LEARNING COOKERY IN PRISON.

Cookery classes are now being held in Holloway Prison for the benefit of girls and women undergoing sentences there.

The scheme for giving such instruction was begun a few months ago by a few private individuals who subscribed sufficient money to cover the fees of an instruction, and now the Commissioners who helped by giving the necessary outfit and materials have taken the whole scheme over.

THE SECRETARIAL COURSE at SKERRY'S COMMERCIAL SCHOOL, 10 Harcourt st., Dublin, is the best possible preparation for a Business Career, and includes expert tuition in Shorthand, Typewriting, Book-keeping, Office Routine, etc. Prospectus free.—(Advt.)

IRISH COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

TAXATION AND POVERTY.

PRAISE AND BLAME FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

Sir Thomas Robinson, President of the Dublin Branch of the United Commercial Travellers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland (U.K.C.T.A.), presiding at the annual general meeting of the branch in the Central Hotel, Dublin, last Saturday evening, praised the Free State Government for its efforts to put its house in order, but blamed it for, as he put it, rushing into a partial system of protection without fully considering how far it will affect the immediate trade of the country.

A tax imposed in defence of a local industry was, he said, a very questionable one and a very doubtful one, and it frequently had the effect of increasing the price of commodities out of all proportion, so that the cost of living was increased. It became a question for those at the head of affairs to consider whether a tax would hurt more than the free admission of goods. The commercial travellers were out for a sound policy of developing industry.

PARTIAL PROTECTION.

HAS IT IMPROVED TRADE?

There was a large attendance at the meeting, and the reports submitted indicated a prosperous condition of the Association.

The President, in his address, said that the year which they were ending had been, on the whole, a very satisfactory one. They would recollect that last year he had to sympathise with them on the extraordinary difficulties under which they had been carrying on their work. Everything was in rather a chaotic condition, particularly as regards imports; but he was bound to say that, after a year's close observation of what had been going on in the country, the Government deserved their thanks and deserved their recognition for the strenuous efforts that they had made to put their house in order.

There was no doubt about it that, whatever views they might have or whatever grievances they might feel about many things, the Government were really trying to put things straight, and were carrying on in a straight, orderly and satisfactory manner.

They need not be ashamed to discuss problems of taxation, because those problems were engaging the attention of everyone who had any interest in the country, and he did not know any association of men who had a greater interest in the country than the men whom he was addressing that night.

MR. BLYTHE'S PESSIMISM.

He was sure that they would not find fault with him for describing the speech of Mr. Blythe, Minister of Finance, at the Chamber of Commerce within the last six weeks, as extremely pessimistic. Mr. Blythe confessed that the Government were in urgent need of funds, and he confessed that, so far from predicting any reduction in taxation, it looked rather like the other way, and he invited the members of the Chamber of Commerce to put up any proposition that they thought advisable to him and he would gladly consider it. Now, within the last six months they had had to meet some very petty difficulties in the importation of goods. He referred particularly to the sixpenny tax on parcels coming by parcels post.

That tax, he thought, was very oppressive and objectionable, and, in his opinion, would not justify itself as a revenue-producing tax. The other tax that they had to complain about was really a statistical tax, as it was called, of sevenpence on a large variety of goods and merchandise arriving at the port. That tax created a great deal of objectionable difficulties and caused the Government an enormous amount of expense, because it meant unpacking and inspection of all goods coming in in order to ascertain the variety of goods in the consignment.

Their Committee had had consultations with members of the Dail and people in the city who were interested in the Association, and he himself had had interviews on the subject with persons in high places, but he could not say that he received any encouragement that either of these objectionable taxes would be removed, but he received a promise that the matter would be considered in the new year. The fact was, undoubtedly, that the Government required to explore every possible source of revenue to meet the tremendous cost of running the Government of the Free State.

DISPROPORTIONATE BUDGET.

The Budget of the Free State was out of all proportion to that of countries whose government was carried out under similar conditions and of similar size and population. The income tax levied in the Free State was a preposterous tax. Five shillings in the £ income tax was a preposterous tax in a country at peace with the world. It was justified only by a desperate struggle such as they had seen within the last few years between nations; it was only partially justified by the exigencies and poverty of the Government that inflicted it. How it could be inflicted without increasing poverty was a problem that he did not quite understand.

The problem of taxation was one of great difficulty, but it was one that they had to consider, and what he did rather blame the Government for was rushing into a partial system of protection without fully considering how far it would affect the immediate trade of the country. They were with the Government in developing the country, and would put no obstacle in the way of the Government in developing it; but they knew that industries could not be founded or carried to success by merely waving a wand over the country.

THE WRONG WAY TO HELP.

A tax imposed in defence of a local industry was a very questionable one, and frequently had the effect of increasing the price of the local commodity out of all proportion, so that the cost of living was increased. A tax that was imposed to help a weak and foolish industry was a wrong tax, too, and it became a question for the consideration of those at the head of affairs as to whether a tax would hurt more than the free admission of goods.

He believed that the Government was extremely anxious to govern the country properly, but he did think that the imposition of these taxes was not the right way to go about it. They had higher postage and more cost in carrying on their work. Who was to pay it? The man in the street. He claimed that a policy of that kind would keep up the cost of living—would increase the cost of living, for it was only the man in the street who must pay for it. They, travellers, were out for a sound policy of developing industry.

As a token of good faith, the Government had appointed a committee, to be presided over by Mr. David Telford, to put in force a bill that was passed a year ago, under which the Government would make loans to persons developing, or engaged in or supporting, an industry that was required in the country, and that was likely to be successful.

He thought that, on the whole, they had had a better year than the last, so far as the association was concerned. The association was in a state of great activity and efficiency. He was hoping that the experience of the last six months would show those in charge of the trade and commerce of the country that there were two ways of going about every job, and that a difficulty could be got round if it could not be removed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. A. E. Bradbury proposed that Sir Thomas Robinson be re-elected President of the Association for the ensuing year. In doing so he said that Sir Thomas had done a very great deal for the association during his years of office, and they could not have a better man in the position.

Mr. H. C. Grimes, who seconded the motion, said that Sir Thomas Robinson had always been a friend of the commercial travellers.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. A. E. Bradbury, the retiring chairman of the branch, said that the Association had not gone back during his term of office, but had gone forward. The members need not be afraid that the Association would not look after their interests in anything that might arise.

The vice-presidents, honorary solicitors, council, and auditor were re-elected, and Mr. A. E. Bradbury was elected a vice-president in addition.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS.

The Honorary Secretary (Mr. W. F. Weir) submitted his report, which showed that the branch, as a whole, was in a very satisfactory condition. During the year they lost fifteen members and gained thirty-two, making a total gain on the year of seventeen. He referred to railway concessions which the Association had secured, and suggested to members who are motorists the advisability of joining the Irish Motorist Union, which, he said, was taking up the question of taxation, roads and transport.

The Honorary Treasurer (Mr. F. A. Wyatt) presented the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance on the general fund of £198 14s. 2d. There was a credit balance of £350 8s. 3d. on the Local Samaritan Fund.

On the motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Kirkpatrick, the reports of the honorary secretary and of the honorary treasurer were adopted.

Mr. Samuel R. Armstrong was elected chairman and Mr. J. H. Sheridan vice-chairman for the coming year.

Mr. W. F. Weir was re-elected honorary secretary and Mr. F. A. Wyatt was re-elected honorary treasurer.

The Executive Committee was also re-elected.

THE BENEFIT SOCIETY.

Mr. P. S. Andrew, honorary secretary of the Benefit Society, reported that that Society started the year with eighty-nine members holding 552 shares. Eight new members were enrolled and two affiliated, bringing the roll up to ninety-nine. The Society lost two members through death. Two were transferred and one lapsed, leaving now ninety-four members, holding 584 shares. The net gain during the year was five members and forty-two shares.

The report was adopted.

Before the meeting concluded, the President asked the members of the Association to give all the support they could to the scheme for providing a new citizens' hall, which was badly needed in Dublin. He mentioned that it was intended that the new hall should be used also for exhibition purposes.

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BAPTISTS IN VIENNA. — The first Baptist Church in Vienna has been opened.

NOT IN DUBLIN.—Two cottages and gardens have been sold by auction at Gayton-le-Marsh (Lincs.) for £67.

THE VIGILANT POLICE.—The Chief Constable of Stoke-on-Trent reports a theft of £25 from the police station.

STOLE THEIR CHRISTMAS DINNERS.—Thieves visited a farm at Market Weighton (East Yorks) and stole eleven fine turkeys.

TASTES DIFFER.—Inmates of Market Bosworth (Leicestershire) workhouse have asked for fruit instead of beer with their Christmas dinner.

NE ULTRA CREPIDAM.—Mr. Frank Hodges, who a few weeks ago was Civil Lord of the Admiralty, may very soon be found working once more in the coal pits—his first occupation.

WHERE THEY WORK. — Warsop Main Colliery (Notts.) has created a record by raising 4,052 tons in 13½ hours, or two seven-hour shifts.

MANLY WORK.—"I thought I was doing a great thing when I got married, but I find all my husband is fit for is drawing the dole," said a woman at Marylebone County Court, London.

LAID UP IN LAVENDER. — During her 40 years as headmistress of Loughton (Essex) Girls' School, Miss True, who has just retired, never used the cane, but kept it in a lavender-lined box.

THE KING'S COAL.—The King is presenting a hundredweight of coal as a Christmas gift to each of over 800 poor persons of sixty years of age and upwards residing in the Borough of Windsor.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A VICAR. — The Rev. Mills Robbins, Vicar of West End, Chobham, Surrey, died suddenly at the vicarage yesterday morning. Recently he had suffered from lung trouble.

VETERAN RAILWAYMAN'S END. — George Stevens, a veteran L.M.S. engine driver between London and Manchester, was oiling his engine at Leicester, when it suddenly started forward and crushed him to death. He had 50 years' service.

THE WINNER.—Lord Derby has this year distributed a percentage of his racing winnings between the British Legion for ex-officers in Lancashire and the Old Comrades' Associations of the various Lancashire regiments.

A WESLEYAN FAMILY.—The family of the Rev. John C. W. Gostick, who with his wife has just celebrated his golden wedding at Sherburn, near Scarborough, has given a son to the Wesleyan ministry for 117 years without a break.

A CHRISTMAS HABIT.—"It's just my luck. This is the sixth Christmas inside," is what Frederick Matthews, 23, a polisher, is alleged to have told the police inspector who found him and Philip Chapman secreted in the top story of a Birmingham factory. They were remanded.

FORTUNES IN REMNANTS.—"The firm loses between £4,000 and £5,000 yearly through shoplifting," said prosecuting counsel when Betty Tannen, aged 23, was fined £3 at Marlborough street Police Court, London, for stealing silk remnants from Bourne and Hollingsworth's shop in Oxford street.

THE TIME TO MARRY.—An amendment of the King's Regulations is to be made providing that, before soldiers can be placed on the waiting list for married quarters, they must have reached the age of 26. There is a great shortage of married quarters at Aldershot.

THE PLUMBERS' DEMAND. — Claim was lodged with the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation by the Plumbers' Society for an advance of £1 per week for all their members employed in shipyards. This is double the amount of the claim recently sent in by the Boilermakers' Society.

TEST YOUR TONGUE.—The medical test for drunkenness at Kilburn Police Station was revealed at Willesden Police Court. The test is to repeat the words—"The artillery marched past and saluted the constabulary." It was stated that drunken men invariably finished at "saluted."

DUNDEE BY-ELECTION.—Mr. F. W. Wallace, formerly Unionist candidate, has advised Conservatives to vote with the Liberals against the Socialist in the Dundee by-election. Formerly it was thought that Unionists would abstain from taking any part in the contest.

NOT WORTH IT.—Apples at 1s. 6d. each are being sold in some of the most expensive shops in London. They come from France, where they have been grown under glass and freshly gathered. It is doubtful if their quality is equal to that of most of the apples sold in the streets at 3d. per lb.

RETRIEVERS RETRIEVED.—After an absence of some days, during which it was believed they had been stolen, two valuable retriever dogs, belonging to Lieutenant-Commander Holbrook, V.C., have returned home. One of the dogs—Victor of Mottesfont—recently won the National Championship at the retriever trials.

DYING FOR SEVEN YEARS. — Herbert Osgerby, 28, a wagoner, of Barton, whose spine was broken seven years ago when two horses he was driving took fright, has just died. At the inquest, conducted by the Grimsby County Coroner, it was stated that the injury paralysed Osgerby, who, though he had lived seven years, had never once moved. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

AN AERIAL LOG.—The MSS. and copies of the log of the airship R34 on its voyage to America and back in July, 1919, with the commander's marginal notes, congratulatory telegrams and photographs, fetched 100 guineas at Hodgson's auction, Sir Charles Wakefield being the purchaser. The occasion was the sale of the remarkable aeronautical library formed by the late Air-Commodore E. M. Maitland.

THE MORALITY OF ACTING.—"I cannot purchase my recreation at the expense of another man's soul," declares the Rev. James Baillie, Baptist minister, of Bath, answering the question why some Nonconformists refuse to attend theatres. "In nearly every play there is a villain steeped in vice," Mr. Baillie states. "The actors who have to reproduce the parts must be absorbed in them. The effect on their moral qualities must be defiling. Therefore, I cut out the theatre from my list of recreations."

SHIPMASTER'S FAULT.—That the stranding and loss of the Floris, of Aberdeen, in the Bay of Biscay on October 28 was caused primarily by the steering of an improper course was the finding of the Glasgow Sheriff's Court. Sheriff Harvey decided that the vessel was navigated with proper and seamanlike care, and that Richard Martin, the master, was guilty of an error of judgment. He was censured and ordered to pay £25 towards the expenses of the investigation, but the Court was unwilling to deal with his certificate in lieu of his past good record.

FINED FOR HUMANITY.—"It was a case of breaking the law to save humanity," said Dr. H. G. Hackney, of Blackmore (Essex), when summoned at Ongar for using a motor car, the licence for which had expired. He had been called to a serious case, he said, and as his own car had broken down he took his wife's. He was fined £5.

ANCIENT MANSION FOR SALE.—The famous Jacobean staircase and the panelling, dating from 1684, in Combe Abbey, the historic Warwickshire mansion, which was formerly the home of the Earls of Craven, will be sold by auction in March. The sale will include the old carved oak overmantels and chimney pieces, and many valuable tapestries. The building is also to be sold.

THE MONKEY'S ADVENTURE. — Father Dagan's miniature zoo, at the rear of St. Saviour's Church, Coalville, now contains nine monkeys and an aviary, including a talking magpie. The monkeys and birds are in cages in the recreation room, where whist drives and dances are held. One of the monkeys escaped at last week's whist drive, and, after breaking gas mantles and trying to eat a pack of cards, was recaptured in a corner while eating cigarette ends.

WOULD SUIT MARK TAPLEY.—The Chairman of the Barking Urban Council is experiencing an unfortunate Christmas season. During the past week a valuable horse engaged in his business dropped dead in the street, and following this another had to be shot, as the result of an accident. During Friday night his offices were ransacked by burglars. Attempts were made to open a safe, but without result. The burglars apparently were disturbed.

HARD-WORKING HENS.—A hen costs 9s. a year to feed, according to the profit and loss accounts of several large and small laying competitions which were recently completed. This allowed of three meals a day from November to the end of March and two meals for the rest of the year, and it is found that the birds have averaged exactly 1lb. of eggs for every 4lb. of food that they ate. A number of birds have laid over 250 eggs, and the general average for the year has been 170.

FALSE ALARM.—When a Sheffield to York train was stopped by the communication cord being pulled, the guard found Mrs. Mary Ann Preston, of Pontefract, alone in a compartment. She complained of being robbed. It was discovered that her husband was in another part of the train, and that the alleged missing goods were in his possession. She was fined 16s. for stopping the train without cause.

THE UNKNOWN MASTERPIECE.—The Hawthornden Prize of £100 for 1924 has been awarded to Mr. R. H. Mottram, a bank clerk, author of "The Spanish Farm," a war-time novel. At a meeting in the Æolian Hall, at which Mr. A. E. W. Mason, the novelist, presented the prize, Mr. H. M. Tomlinson described the winning book as "the most distinguished novel that has come out of the war." Whatever its theme had been, he said, for its style and form it would have been a worthy addition to contemporary letters. "But," he added, "I have never yet met anybody who has read the book!"

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. — For obstructing the footway and having no licence as a street trader Henry Dunn, costermonger, at the Guildhall, London, was fined 2s. 6d. on each summons and 4s. 6d. costs. It was proved that he had no licence to trade and was obstructing the footway with baskets of artificial flowers and holly and mistletoe. Dunn, who had been previously cautioned, pleaded that he was unable to get a licence, and added:—"I was anxious to earn a bit for Christmas." Alderman E. Canton, imposing the fine, said—You had broken the law and I must fine you, but I will pay the fine for you. Dunn—Thank you, sir.

DOUBLE DEALING.—An extraordinary story of a Jekyll and Hyde existence comes from Frankfort, says an Exchange message. A criminal in the city whose speciality was the snatching of women's handbags after dark has been arrested, and proves to be a high Customs official with a wide circle of friends in good positions. He resided at Sachsenhausen, near Frankfort, and after his day's work was done he was accustomed to go into Frankfort and change into rough garments in a room he had rented prior to starting his night prowlings. His double life was quite unsuspected by his family and acquaintances.

POOR, BUT NOT HONEST. — Esther Mary Williams (40), described as a housekeeper, Forest Hill, London, was charged with stealing a bracelet, a needle-case, and a pencil-case, value 12s. 9½d. Prisoner pleaded guilty, and expressed contrition. The magistrate remarked that prisoner had been convicted before, and had been dealt with mercifully. It was said that the prisoner was granddaughter of an earl. If that were so it was her duty to set a better example. "This," concluded the magistrate, "will be the last chance that you will have. The next time it will be jail with hard labour. You will be fined £4 and one guinea costs." Prisoner—Thank you so much.

THE SIXTY-SIX.—Mr. Hilaire Belloc addressed the pupils of Battle Abbey (Girls' School) on the battle of Hastings. He said that William's force was far larger than was commonly supposed, numbering, in his estimation, 60,000 trained soldiers. Harold's army consisted of about half that number. His line took up a position which extended across what are now the park and gardens of the Abbey as far as the present railway station. One feature of special interest was Harold's march from London, via Rochester, which he accomplished in forty-eight hours; it was considered to be the most remarkable march in history. A pupil at the Abbey, bearing the name of Godwin, and a direct descendant of the family of which King Harold was a member, was presented to Mr. Belloc.

A WORKMAN'S FALL. — Driven to desperation by accumulating troubles, Wm. Ferris (36), labourer, went into a shop with the deliberate intention of taking something on which to raise money. This was his statement to the magistrate at the Guildhall, London, where he was charged with stealing a lady's lamb's wool coat value £15 from a shop in Houndsditch. Pleading guilty, Ferris and his wife, who was suffering from cancer, was coming out of the infirmary at Christmas after being there six months. He had done no work for a week on account of the fog, and had no money or food for her when she got home. Detective Sergeant Voss said that the man's sad story was quite true. As accused was in custody he (witness) had arranged with a woman to look after her and the children on her arrival that morning, and he had assisted them. The children had been well cared for and the home had been kept clean by the man. The Alderman (to defendant)—"You have a sad life. After what the officer has kindly said on your behalf I shall bind you over to be of good behaviour."

CAROL SERVICES.

Carol Services were held in a great many of the Protestant Churches in Dublin yesterday evening, and were generally well attended.

At the afternoon service in St. Patrick's Cathedral Christmas carols were sung instead of anthems, a varied selection being rendered, including "In the Bleak Mid-winter," the words being by Christina G. Rossetti, 1830-1894, and the music by Harold Darke; "Remember God's Goodness," from T. Ravenscroft's "Melismata" (London, 1611); "A Virgin Unspotted," a popular late English carol; "A Dream of Christmas," "Gloria in Excelsis," and "I saw Three Ships." Two of the anthems were heard in St. Patrick's Cathedral for the first time last year. The music of one of them, "A Dream of Christmas," is by Gustav von Holst, whose compositions are always interesting and original, and the setting combines the effects of ancient and modern music. The other, "I saw Three Ships," is a traditional carol. The musical setting, by C. Kennedy Scott, is daring and difficult, and contains some excellent vocal effects, which add to the cheerfulness of the music.

The concluding voluntary was the Festive March in B flat, Wagner.

The offering was for the Cathedral Sustentation Fund.

The usual Christmas Eve Carol Service will be held in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock on Wednesday.

ARMISTICE DAY IN THE FREE STATE.

The *British Legion*, the official organ of the British Legion, reproduces the *Irish Times* picture of the great crowd in College Green, Dublin, on Armistice Day, and remarks, in the course of an article describing "the unparalleled magnitude and enthusiasm of the demonstrations in various parts of the Free State, that the loyal sons of Ireland, "by their act of devoted remembrance, united the Irish people in a way that no other influence could have done."

THE EVACUATION OF COLOGNE.

FRENCH REPLY TO THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR.

WAITING FOR REPORT OF COMMISSION.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Sunday.

Herr von Hoesch, the German Ambassador, visited the French Foreign Office yesterday, and spent some time with M. Laroche, the director there. The chief subject of conversation is believed to have been the question of the evacuation of the Cologne area by the British troops; and it is believed that, on the instruction of his Government, the Ambassador pressed the view that the occupation after January 10th, the date indicated in the Treaty, would make it very difficult to form a Cabinet at Berlin ready to carry out the Dawes plan.

The Ambassador was informed, in reply, that no decision could be taken until the report of the Allied Control Commission had been received.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Sunday.

The German Cabinet held a meeting yesterday to discuss the situation likely to be created if, as Lord Curzon's speech implies, Britain remains at Cologne.

It seems that no action—certainly not "reprisals" for which the Nationalist Press is clamouring—is likely to be taken in the matter until reports are received from the German Ambassadors in London and Paris.

THE RIGHT TO PICKET.

MEN ELECT TO GO BEFORE A JURY.

At the Carrick-on-Shannon District Court, before Mr. J. P. Kenny, Michael Tiernan, draper's assistant, and Mrs. M. E. Carthy, draper, Carrick-on-Shannon, had a number of summonses brought against James Hunt, organiser of the Distributive Workers' Union; John Fitzsimons, Laurence Ryan, Thomas Cooney and Patrick McLoughlin, all shop assistants and members of the union, for conspiracy and intimidation under the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875.

From the statement of Mr. James A. Kiernan, who appeared for Mrs. Carthy and Michael Tiernan, it appeared that Tiernan refused to join the union, and as a result the men started to picket the house. They acted, he said, in an illegal manner and one never contemplated by the Trades Dispute Act. Mr. Hunt, the organiser, appeared on the scene every day, and the others took their turns, as they were employed in various houses in town. He held that there was no dispute within the meaning of the Trades Dispute Act.

Mr. Kenny—You say it was not peaceful picketing?

Mr. Kiernan—Yes. He added that he would prove beyond the shadow of a doubt by witnesses that the public were interfered with in entering the establishment of Mrs. Carthy. The men shouted: "Strike on here. Don't go into this house; there are other houses you can go into." Mr. Kiernan added that Mrs. Carthy did not object to the trade union, but Mr. Tierney, who was her manager for fourteen years, refused to join the union.

Mr. M. A. Farrell, solicitor, Longford, who appeared for the defendants, said that he claimed trial by judge and jury, and consequently depositions should be taken.

It was subsequently agreed that all the other cases be adjourned, and that one case for the 3rd December be taken against the defendants at the suit of Mrs. Carthy, the decision in her case to govern all the others, including Tierney's.

Mr. M. Tierney said that he was manager for 15 years for Mrs. Carthy, with whom he had no dispute about his salary. There had been no dispute between Mrs. Carthy and her other employés. Hunt requested him to become a member of the union six or nine months ago, and he refused. He received a letter from Mr. Hunt, and had an interview with him three days before the picketing started on 3rd December. He asked Hunt if he was the man who wrote the strong letter, and he replied "yes." He identified the five defendants as being pickets at Carthy's on 3rd December. They were marching up and down by the house, and Hunt shouted "Strike on here; no decent customer going in there." They kept that up, and as a consequence some of the customers went away; others came in.

To Mr. Farrell—All the men were shop assistants and decent men. Except to ask him to join the union, Mr. Hunt did not say anything else.

Miss Lily Carthy, daughter of Mrs. Carthy, said that she heard the words used: "Strike on; pass on; nobody going in there."

To Mr. Farrell—The men behaved in a decent way, except in calling out "Strike on" and pulling down a bill.

Mr. Farrell said that, except for the incidents of the pulling down of the bills and the stopping of customers, they were entitled to picket the house, and it was only a trumpery case at the best.

Mr. Kenny said he would return them for trial.

INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

CAPE TOWN, Sunday.

The South African Indian Congress, representing Cape Natal and Transvaal Indians, has passed a resolution strongly protesting against the Natal Boroughs Ordinance forbidding the adding of further Indians to the electoral roll.

The resolution endorses the Durban Indians' plan for carrying a test case to the Privy Council, and declared that, failing success for such an appeal, Indians in South Africa will have no option but to embark on passive resistance.—(Reuter.)

RESTORATION IN RUSSIA.

BRITISH LABOUR MEN'S REPORT.

The British Trades Union delegation, which returned from Russia, issued a statement last night concerning their mission, which is signed by A. A. Purcell (Chairman), and Fred Bramley (Secretary).

The statement says—During the six weeks' tour the delegation travelled over six thousand miles, visiting some of the most important industrial centres in Russia, for the purpose of investigating the industrial, social and economic conditions prevailing under Soviet rule.

A full report of the delegation's activities will appear in a few weeks, which it is hoped will effectively remove many misunderstandings with regard to Russian affairs, mainly due to the misrepresentation of the political platform and Press. The investigations have covered several industries, including transport, mining, boot factories, printing, engineering and electrical undertakings, railway shops, oil fields, water power, electrical schemes, warehouses, distributive establishments, and the several economic departments responsible for the administrative control of industries.

Social institutions, such as hospitals, rest houses, workmen's clubs, holiday homes and children's homes, have also been visited in connection with the investigations into the working of State insurance schemes for dealing with unemployment and the health of the workers and their dependents. Facilities have been given for free entry into all Government institutions, and interviews readily arranged. Documents, charts and reports have been supplied, and expert translators are now at work preparing detailed material for the delegation's report.

RAPID IMPROVEMENT.

Pending the publication of the full report, the delegation have to place on record the following summary of their general conclusions:—

(1) The social, industrial and economic conditions of Russia have enormously improved since the visit of the British delegation in 1920. Members of both delegations and the expert advisers formerly residing in Russia for many years are agreed as to the very rapid progress of economic restoration now operating under the direction of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

(2) The financial stability of Russia is more secure than was expected. The Russians have almost balanced their Budget, and have restored their productivity relative to the pre-war standard at a rate which compares favourably with the general European average.

(3) The industrial undertakings are being rapidly developed, especially those responsible for electrical power and equipment. The high degree of organising and administrative capacity, and the enthusiasm of the workers under the new system of State ownership, deeply impressed the delegation.

(4) The housing conditions of the workers are being rapidly improved. New housing schemes, making provision for the erection of model cottages, superior to some of the Government houses provided in Great Britain, are being pushed forward with great energy and ability.

(5) A great effort is being made to eliminate illiteracy, and many kinds of educational activity are being promoted and are being generously subsidised and urged forward by the Union of Socialist Republics and the trade union organisations.

(6) Workmen's clubs, holiday homes and rest houses are also being used for the education of the illiterates, including children and adults, and the proportion of the working-class population without education is being reduced very rapidly.

(7) The administrative departments of the Soviet State are well organised and efficiently controlled, especially those to which the members of the delegation devoted special attention, namely, those dealing with State insurance for health, unemployment, and the medical care of the workers and their dependents.

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

(8) Religious institutions have complete freedom to exercise their religious beliefs, and members of the delegation visited churches and mosques during the Services, but the Church has been disestablished, and is now entirely maintained by voluntary contributions, and no religious instruction is given in schools or other educational institutions.

(9) Every effort is being made to improve the moral life of Russia, and prostitution, gambling, and other vices are being rapidly eliminated by educational effort and drastic State regulations.

(10) By the creation of workers' clubs, rest houses, sport, and physical centres, trade union organisations are securing for their members trade union benefits and an addition to real wages, which is much appreciated.

Many other important changes will be referred to and dealt with in the report, which will contain the necessary information to justify the trade union and Labour policy supporting the full diplomatic and economic recognition of Russia.

The report will also prove that millions of new capital could be properly and safely invested in the development of the enormous economic possibilities of Russia, and will fully justify the claim made on behalf of British Labour that Russia under Soviet rule has so far improved the material and moral conditions of its people as to have now earned a permanent place among European nations.

A PIGEON HERO.

PARIS, Saturday.

A hero of the war has died of old age—at the age of ten—at Montoire, north of Tours. His name was Carrier Pigeon No. 183/14 AF, and he wore on one leg a ring, equivalent to the *Medaille Militaire*, which was awarded to him after the following mention of his deeds had been made in despatches:—"On three different occasions during the battle of Verdun, under heavy fire, ensured the rapid transport of very important messages. In particular ensured the communications of Major Raynal, defender of Fort Vaux, on June 3, 1916, at a time when his troops, who were surrounded, were deprived of any other means of communication."

After the armistice the pigeon was kept as an honoured guest in the army dovecots.—(Reuter.)

James Boylan, farmer, Banagher, was shot dead by his 17-year-old son last Friday, says our local Correspondent.

AN IDEAL XMAS PRESENT

Savings Certificates form an ideal Xmas Present, not because of their value alone, but because making such a present will mean laying the foundation stone of thrift, and consequently of prosperity, for many who have hitherto failed to realise the importance of acquiring the habits of saving and wise spending.

A Certificate is a State Security which grows from 15/6 to 20/- in 5 years. It earns 5½ per cent. interest free of Income Tax, and your money (with interest accrued) is always available in an emergency on a few days' notice.

You can buy Certificates for yourself, for any member of your family, or for a friend, from 1 to 500 (costing £387 10s. 0d.), through any Bank, Money Order Post Office, or Savings Association.

ISSUED AND GUARANTEED BY
SAVINGS CERTIFICATES
SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN

Particulars as to Savings Associations free on application (no stamp required) to

CENTRAL SAVINGS COMMITTEE, 63 Dawson St., Dublin.

G 2726 W.H.Co.

Santa Cla

ELECTRICAL

The great library of ... Upsala was cleaned by ... cleaner, which can be in... which has electricity. ... ordinary electrical term... cleans carpets, curtains, ... and furniture swiftly and ... child can manipulate it.

Royal "Ediswan" ... homes brighter. ... cost is lighter. ... Your dealer has them.

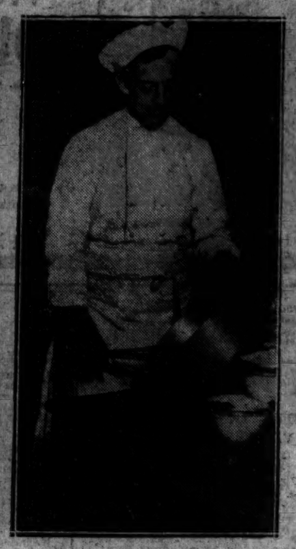
THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Turkeys are Cheap To-day.

Their Last Dinner.

Holly for the Christmas Market.

Santa Claus and a Fairy at a Dublin Toy Bazaar.

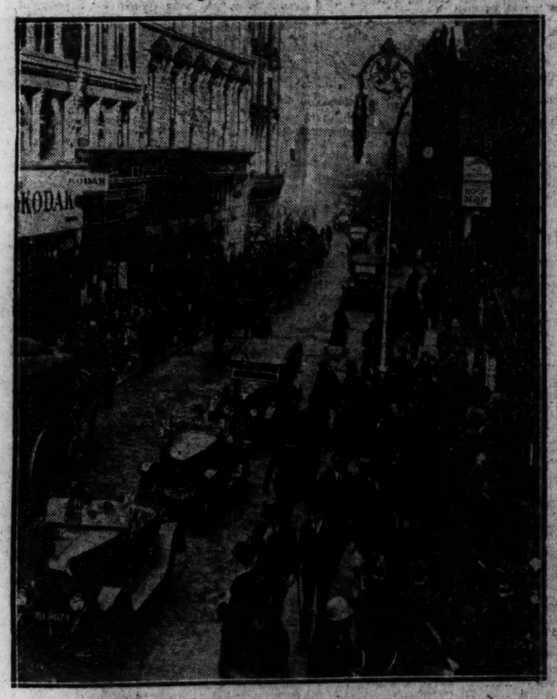


A Dublin Chef Making Christmas Puddings.

Two Prize Beasts to be Killed for Christmas.

Making Chocolates at Messrs. W. and R. Jacob and Co.'s.

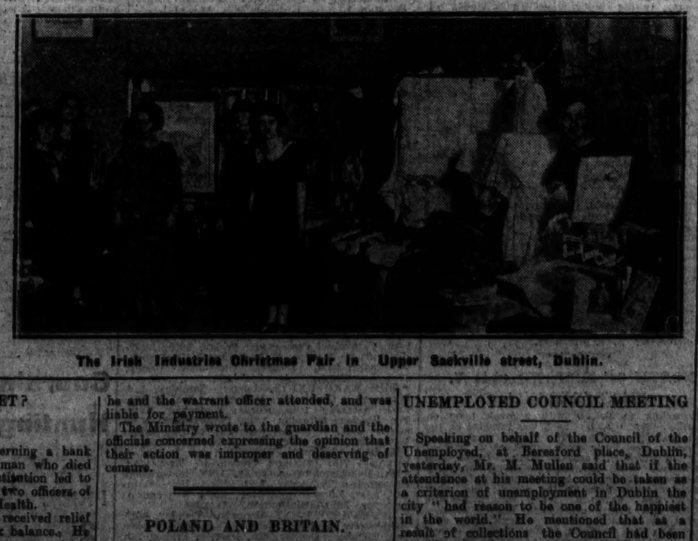
Making Christmas Cakes at Messrs. W. and R. Jacob and Co.'s.



Group at the Fancy Dress Ball at the Engineers' Hall, Dawson street, Dublin.

Some of the Toys in a Grafton street Shop.

Some Irish Toys on View at the Irish Industries Fair.



The Irish Industries Christmas Fair in Upper Sackville street, Dublin.

An ABDULLA for Virginia Smokers

ABDULLA No. 75

Hall Marked ABDULLA

1'11 for 25 3'9 for 50 7'6 for 100

Abdulla Superb Cigarettes, Turkish, Egyptian, Virginia.
Abdulla Superb Smoking Mixture.
Abdulla Dribacco Pipes.

ABDULLA & CO. LTD., 173 NEW BOND STREET W.1.

You Can Live { 13 days without Food. 3 days without Water. Only 3 minutes without Air.

Coughs, Colds, Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma and Whooping Cough

Reduce the Air Ration below Health Point.

The natural consequence is that the breathing is affected, the bronchial tubes or bronchi become inflamed, and cough, more or less serious, follows. If neglected, the entire respiratory system is weakened, and that way consumption lies. Children suffer more frequently from such complaints than do their elders, the death-rate among the very young being truly appalling, and in too many instances due entirely to thoughtless neglect.

THE WORLD'S SUPREME REMEDY

is Veno's Lightning Cough Cure, so-called because of the rapidity with which it overcomes chronic coughs and cures deep-seated and long-standing cases of any of the above-named troubles. Veno's Lightning Cough Cure, in Open Competition with the world, was

Awarded Grand Prix and Gold Medal at the International Health Exhibition, Paris, 1910

for its purity, efficacy, and pharmaceutical excellence.

Many thousands of testimonials from cured patients, scientific men and doctors have been received. The following is an example:—

Chas. Hyatt-Woolf, Esq., F.R.P.S., F.R.S.L., in his work, "Truths About Things We Live On and Daily Use," says: "I have experimented in the laboratory with Veno's Lightning Cough Cure, and I have likewise applied it in practice. . . . In all cases to which I applied it the influence of this remedy was most marked."

Reduced facsimile of original package. Refuse all imitations and substitutes.

Always ask for Veno's Lightning Cough Cure. It is sold by Chemists, Stores, and Medicine Dealers throughout the Empire.

Home Price 1/3; Family Size 3/-.

Veno's LIGHTNING Cough Cure

MORNY

Parfum "June Roses"

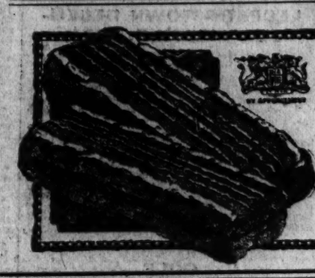
7/6, 10/-, 18/- & 35/-.

The real fragrance of the ENGLISH ROSE

Bath Salts - - 3/- & 7/6	Bath Dusting Powder 5/-
Bath Salts Tablets 3/- & 5/6	Toilet Soap (3 tablets) 7/6
Face Powder - - - 5/-	Bath Soap (1 tablet) 2/3
Solid Face Powder - 3/6	Crème de Jour - - 5/6
Face Powder in Sifter Box - 2/6	

Sold by all Retailers of high-class Perfumery
Manufactured by MORNY FRÈRES Ltd.

201 REGENT STREET LONDON W1



CARR'S BRUNETTE CHOCOLATE BISCUITS

A rich bloom biscuit with a flavour all its own. Sandwiched with Chocolate cream

MADE ONLY BY CARR & Co Ltd CARLISLE

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY.

The letters "S.B." signify a simultaneous broadcast from the station mentioned.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

4.0-5.0—Time Signal from Greenwich; Concert; The "2LO" Trio and Edith Athey (soprano); Mr. William Caine, "Buying Christmas Presents"; "Christmas Overseas," by Annette M. Adams. 5.30-6.15—Children. 6.40-6.55—Mr. S. Jackson Coleman, "Christmas in Other Lands." 7.0—Time from Big Ben, Weather, and News; S.B. to all Stations. 7.30—All Stations Programme: "Hansel and Gretel," a Fairy Opera, in three acts, by E. Humperdinck; First Act, "Home"; Second Act, "The Forest"; Third Act, "The Witch's House." 9.30—Greenwich Time, Weather, and News; S.B. to all Stations; Captain P. P. Eckersley, "Technical Topics"; S.B. to all Stations; Local News. 10.0—The Savoy Orpheans and Savoy Havana Bands; S.B. to all Stations. 11.0—Close.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.

3.30-4.30—The Station Wind Quintet; David Williams (baritone). 5.0-5.30—Women. 5.30-6.45—Children. 7.0-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.

3.45-5.0—The Wireless Orchestra. 5.0-6.0—Children. 7.0-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.

3.0-4.0—Orchestra. 4.45-5.15—"5WA'S" "Five O'Clocks." 5.15-6.0—Children. 6.45-7.0—Mr. F. J. Harries, "Tennyson and Wales." 7.0-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—375 Metres.

3.30-4.30—Music. 4.30-5.0—Women. 5.0-6.0—Children. 6.30-6.55—Farmers. 7.0—Weather and News. 7.30-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—400 Metres.

3.45-5.15—R. Mark (solo violoncello), Gertrude Eduard (mezzo-soprano), Montagu Criddle (tenor). 5.15-6.0—Children. 7.0-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—420 Metres.

3.30-4.50—Wireless Quartet; Anne Ballantine (contralto). 5.15-6.0—Children. 6.0-6.2—Weather for Farmers. 7.0-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

BELFAST (2BE)—435 Metres.

S. S. Spence (tenor), Lillie Morrison (solo violin), The Station Orchestra. 5.30—Orchestra: March, "The Man Behind the Gun" (Sousa); Overture, "Raymond" (Thomas); Suite, "Woodland Pictures" (Fletcher). 5.55—S. Spence: "O Vision Entrancing" ("Esmeralda") (Goring Thomas); "I Hear You Calling Me" (Marshall); "Hatfield Bells" (Easthope Martin). 6.10—Lillie Morrison: Andantino (Martini-Kreisler), Scherzo (Dittersdorf-Kreisler), Hungarian Dance in G Minor (Brahms-Joachim). 6.30—Orchestra: "Reminiscences of Ireland" (Godfrey); Selection, "Merrie England" (German); Fox-trot, "Oh, Eva" (Ord-Hume); "English Medley" (Somers). 6.50-7.15—Children. 7.0—Weather and News; S.B. from London. 7.30—"Hansel and Gretel"; S.B. from London. 9.30—Weather and News; S.B. from London; Captain P. P. Eckersley; S.B. from London; Local News. 10.0—The Savoy Bands; S.B. from London. 11.0—Close.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS OF FURNITURE AND FINE ARTS.

MONDAY.

9 and 10 Bachelor's Walk (James Hill and Son).

NEW ISSUE.

VICTORIAN 4½ P.C. LOAN FOR £6,000,000.

The Westminster Bank (the Ulster Bank in Ireland) will receive subscriptions for £6,000,000 Government of Victoria Inscribed Stock, redeemable between 1940-60. The price of issue is £97 10s. per cent. The loan is identical in terms with the recent Australia 4½ per cent. Loan. The stock is repayable at par, 1960, but the State has the option of repaying on three months' notice at any time after June, 1940. The proceeds are to be utilised in new railway, irrigation, electrical and other public works. The yield is close on 4½ per cent., and the stock is available for trustees. Accompanying the prospectus are statistics from the Agent-General, showing the financial position of the colony and the condition and progress of its chief reproductive undertakings and industries. The list will be closed on or before to-morrow (Tuesday), and applicants should use the form attached to the prospectus on page 11. The loan is, of course, a Gilt-edged Colonial issue.

Mr. E. J. Rogers, musical conductor of the Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh, and for many years conductor of the Tyne Theatre, Newcastle, has died in Edinburgh.

"Science" FLOOR POLISH

DISINFECTS AND PRESERVES—GIVES AN EASY AND BRILLIANT POLISH

MANUFACTURED BY PUNCH & Co. CORK

ELECTRICAL CLEANING.

The great library of the University of Upsala was cleaned by the "Electrolux" cleaner, which can be installed in any house which has electricity. Attached by a flex to an ordinary electrical terminal, the instrument cleans carpets, curtains, walls, corners, books and furniture swiftly and yet so simply that a child can manipulate it.

Royal "Ediswan" Lamps to make homes brighter. Being good, their cost is lighter. Get yours now. Your dealer has them.—(Advt.)

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

There will be special Carol Service in Christ Church Cathedral on Christmas Eve, at 3 o'clock, when Carols will be rendered by the Cathedral choir. On Christmas Day the preacher at the morning Service (11 o'clock) will be the Archbishop of Dublin. There will be Festival Evensong at 3.30 o'clock. The Anthem "There were Shepherds" (Handel) will be sung at both Services. There will be special offerings for the poor of the parishes adjoining the Cathedral.

On St. Stephen's Day the Cathedral and the Crypt will be open to the public from 12 o'clock noon. A lecture on the history of the Cathedral will be given by the Dean at 12.15 o'clock.

QUIS CUSTODIET?

The revision of a will concerning a bank balance of £800 owned by a man who died in a Pontypridd Poor Law institution led to the censure of a guardian and two officers of the Union by the Ministry of Health.

William Williams, who had received relief for two years, possessed a bank balance. He had made a will leaving this money to a fellow-lodger, but shortly before his death he made another will in favour of a certain guardian. This was witnessed by the warrant officer and his assistant. The incident was not reported to the Board.

It was further stated that the guardian personally gave the order for the funeral, which he and the warrant officer attended, and was liable for payment.

The Ministry wrote to the guardian and the officials concerned expressing the opinion that their action was improper and deserving of censure.

POLAND AND BRITAIN.

The Polish Minister to Great Britain, M. Skirmunt, has arrived in Warsaw for a stay of several weeks.

His arrival is believed there to be in connection with the intention of the British Government to raise the British Legation at Warsaw to the *status* of an Embassy.

UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL MEETING

Speaking on behalf of the Council of the Unemployed, at Beresford place, Dublin, yesterday, Mr. M. Mullan said that if the attendance at his meeting could be taken as a criterion of unemployment in Dublin the city "had reason to be one of the happiest in the world." He mentioned that as a result of collections the Council had been providing meals to a number of the unemployed every day.

While showing a pit boy how mice were electrocuted, George Henry Pollock, electric pump attendant in Evandale coal mine, County Durham, accidentally touched the terminals with his lamp and was instantly killed.

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

FOUR DAYS' REST

HAWKER WINS ON AN OBJECTION.

A VERSATILE PERFORMER.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Sunday Night.

We are on the eve of a peaceful four days on which there will be no racing of any kind, not even at the mythical town of Trodmore, of celebrated memory. There was, however, an incident at Hurst Park yesterday afternoon which will keep the gossips busy during the Christmas respite. The first race of the afternoon, the Laleham Handicap Steeplechase, was won by Mr. F. A. Waring's Gardenrath, who is now trained at Newmarket by Sam Bennet, and was bought at Sandown a couple of weeks ago out of Major Doyle's stable without his engagements. Ridden by the apprentice, T. James, he beat Hawker, who was ridden by Major Doyle, comfortably by a length and a half, with Gem third and Sir Huon fourth.

Then the trouble began. W. Payne, who now trains Hawker in his capacity as authorised agent for Mr. T. B. Bennett, the well-known County Limerick owner, who was not present at the meeting, objected to the winner on the ground that he was not qualified to run, as the entry was not handed over to his present owner. The Stewards upheld the objection under Rule 88 of the National Hunt Committee. They gave Mr. Waring, the owner of Gardenrath, leave to appeal to the Stewards, and they further decided to report Major Doyle to the National Hunt "for his action in the matter."

Now, the facts concerning the case, I believe to be these. On Friday afternoon S. Bennet came to Major Doyle in the jockeys' dressing room at Hurst Park, told him that he wished to run Gardenrath on the next day, and asked him to sign the necessary papers transferring the entry. Major Doyle said he would do so after he had ridden in the race for which he was preparing to weigh out. After riding Holihonic Major Doyle forgot the matter, and the papers, which should have been lodged at Weatherby's on Saturday morning, were left unsigned in the Clerk of the Course Office at Hurst Park all night. Bennet did nothing in the matter on Saturday morning, and the horse was weighed out for and finished first. Rule 88 is absolutely clear on the subject, for it says:—"In all cases of sale by private treaty the written acknowledgment of both parties that the horse was sold with the engagement is necessary to prove the fact," It is clear, therefore, that the Stewards had no other option than to disqualify Gardenrath, but it seems a little hard to understand why they should have given leave to appeal, and why they should have reported Major Doyle.

STIFF FENCES.

There was nothing very much of note in the meeting, especially as regards the steeplechases. There was widespread complaint from all the jockeys about the severity of the fences. They have been so built up that they are as hard on top as a brick wall, and if a horse hits one he is almost bound to come down. The result has been that the old selling steeplechasers, who can get over anything in reason, have been rolling over like ninepins in the course of the last two days. So bad were the reports of Friday that several owners would not run yesterday, and so the Lonsdale Handicap, the most value steeplechase of the day, was cut down to a wretched field of two runners. Ammonal is only a moderate horse, but odds of 5 to 1 were betted on his beating the deteriorated Winkle. Some of the fences gave the favourite trouble, but Trudgill punched him over them and won by a distance. Never have good steeplechases been more easily won than at this meeting.

There were eight runners for the Priory Steeplechase, of which Ardaile fell at the first fence, Rifle Fire and Star Donovan at the second, and Dash o' White at the third. Five furlongs from home Yorick fell, and at the next Wallsend disappeared. This left only Dorado and Top Light standing, and the former won easily. Dorado is a remarkable case. He was a really good hurdler once, but was sold out of Poole's stable when he had shown every sign of deterioration. William Nightingall, who now trains him for Sir Matthew Wilson, has converted him into a most proficient steeplechaser. Beyond one mistake at the open ditch he never put a foot wrong. I am sure he will win several more novice steeplechases this season.

Major Doyle had the satisfaction of riding three winners during the day, Hatter Hawker's race he won the Selling Hurdle very easily on Feltham Hill, the property of Mr. R. C. Robb, a young Belfast owner, who keeps a few horses at his place near Maidenhead. Second to him here was More Pride, on whom E. M. Quirke had the mount, but he was easily beaten.

The best race of the day was that for the Surrey Three-Year-Old Hurdle. It was expected that Scotch Pearl would be a pronounced favourite, but such is the desire of the public to be on anything that is fancied and is trained by Mr. J. M. Bell and ridden by G. Duller that Tutankhamen was for a long time as well backed as Scotch Pearl, though the latter finally asserted his supremacy. Cloth of Gold made very strong running, and Tutankhamen lay second to him, but both were beaten half-way up the straight. A comparative outsider in High Court then went to the front, but was immediately challenged by Scotch Pearl, who had also been handy, and also by Bright Land. A very good race between the three resulted, but Scotch Pearl, running on most gamely, and staying rather the better, beat High Court by a length. Bright Land was third two lengths away, though it seemed to most people that he was closer up. He was an unlucky horse in this race, for in the run in High Court began to hang towards Scotch Pearl on the outside, and Bright Land, who was in the middle, was partially cut off. He might not have beaten the winner in any case, but he would have made a much closer race with him had he had a clear course. Sinsama, who was fourth, ran well here. But Quentin Durward, a horse out of Perfect Peach, and, therefore, a half-brother to the notorious Sarchedon, would do nothing at all in the race, and has evidently retained for his efforts over hurdles all the uncertain qualities of the family.

SOUTHEND WINS WELL.

North Waltham, once a winner of the Manchester Cup, has evidently begun on a downward path. Mr. Alex. Law bought him at Newmarket in October for five hundred odd pounds, and ran him in the Thames National Hunt Flat Race here. He started favourite, being ridden by Mr. Rayson, one of the most promising young amateurs of the day, but he was well beaten by Southend. The latter was excellently ridden by his owner, Mr. Willie Filmer Sankey, who waited with him, and closing a quarter of a mile from home drew away and beat him easily by four lengths. Southend is the most versatile performer we have at present, as he can perform with distiction on the flat, over hurdles and even a country. His owner has struck him out of the Victory Steeplechase, which everyone has already come to regard as a foregone conclusion for Dudley, who is likely to miss his engagement in the Christmas Cup at Wolverhampton on Friday.

GALTEE MORE.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Victory 'Chase, Manchester—Southend.

All published handicaps at Wolverhampton and Cheltenham—Buenasuerte.

Boxing Day Handicap Hurdle, Wolverhampton—Arvakur.

All engagements—M. by Bachelor's Double—Early to Rise (4 yrs.), Boda, Flora Temple.

Stanton Selling Handicap 'Chase, Wolverhampton—Holiday Maker.

Selling Handicap, Wolverhampton—Wee Mon.

Acorn Stakes, Epsom—Mary Stuart.

The Finest Whisky in the world

DWD

7 yrs. old 'Special' AND 10 years old 'Extra Special'

The Dublin Distillers Co., Ltd. Head Offices: 157 Thomas St., Dublin.

HURST PARK RESULTS.

1.0—**LALEHAM HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of £200. 3 m. 180 yds.

Mr. T. Bennett's br. g. HAWKER, by Ardoon, dam by Morganatic—Porzana, 10, 12-7 ..... E. Doyle 1

Major C. W. Norrie's GEM, 9, 11-9 ..... L. Rees 1

Lord Woolavington's SIR HUON, 10, 11-11 ..... Tighe 3

Also ran—Royal Edgar (F. Rees), Gardenrath (T. James) (disqualified). Off 1.3. (Winner trained by W. Payne.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. HAWKER, 3 to 1 Sir Huon, 4 to 1 Gardenrath, 5 to 1 Royal Edgar, 10 to 1 Gem.

Gardenrath won by a length and a half from Hawker, with Gem some distance off third. An objection to the winner on the ground that he was not qualified to run, as the engagement was not handed over to the present owner was upheld. Permission was given to Mrs. F. A. Waring, the owner of Gardenrath, to appeal to the Stewards of the National Hunt Committee. The Stewards also decided to report Major Doyle to the National Hunt Committee for his action in the matter. Sir Huon becomes third.

1.30—**PALACE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE** of £200. 2 m.

Mr. R. C. Robb's b. g. FELTHAM HILL, by Turbine—Rawfolds, 6, 11-9 ..... Doyle 1

Mr. G. Bennett's MORE PRIDE, 4, 11-11 ..... M. Quirke 2

Mr. Bartholomew's GREEN LABEL, 7, 10-7 ..... Fleming 3

Also ran—Phat (H. Raymond), Uncertain (A. Smyth), Victory Speed (T. Piggott), Wrangle (W. Smyth), Warrington (Ingham), Chaliot (Wootton), Son o' Melton (L. Rees), Clincher (T. Leader), Quartz (R. Gordon), Gondolier (P. Allden), Skyflier (Pelletin). Off 1.56. (Winner trained by T. Hulme.)

Betting—5 to 2 agst. FELTHAM HILL, 7 to 2 Warrington, 5 to 1 More Pride, 7 to 1 Uncertain, 8 to 1 Chaliot, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by two lengths; a bad third. Wrangle fell.

2.0—**LONSDALE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE**, £350. 2 m. 310 yds.

Mr. J. Wood's ch. h. AMMONAL, by Oppressor—Tippytoes, 7, 10-9 ..... Trudgill 1

Mr. J. Barnett's WINKLE, 10, 10-2 ..... A. Birch 2

Off 2.0. (Winner trained by Stanley.)

Betting—5 to 1 on AMMONAL.

Won by a distance.

2.30—**SURREY 3-Y.-O. MAIDEN HURDLE RACE**, £200. 1½ m.

Mr. Howeson's ch. c. SCOTCH PEARL, by Lomond—White Pearl, 11-0 ..... Doyle 1

Mrs. F. Lloyd's HIGH COURT, 10-7 Wootton 2

Mr. W. McAlpine's BRIGHT LAND, 11-0 ..... F. Rees 3

Also ran—Spear o' War (D. Dick), Cloth of Gold (T. Leader), Irish Cheddar (W. Smyth), Herod Antipas (Tighe), Mixed Double (W. Balding), Goldsmith (K. Piggott), Tender (G. Green), Sinsama (A. Smith), Spencer Green, Belon the Philosopher (J. L'Estrange), Quentin Durward (V. Piggott), Morello (Parsons), Tutankhamen (G. Duller), Rocking Horse (Mr. Disgood), Witness (W. Crump). Off 2.35. (Winner trained by W. Nightingall.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst SCOTCH PEARL, 3 to 1 each Tutankhamen and Bright Land, 10 to 1 High Court, 100 to 8 each Goldsmith and Witness, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by a length; two lengths.

3.0—**PRIORY STEEPLECHASE** of £200. 2 m. 3 f. 90 yds.

Sir M. Wilson's b. h. DORADO, by Dorando—White Roll, 8, 11-9 ..... J. L'Estrange 1

Lt.-Col. D. Part's TOP LIGHT, 6, 12-2 ..... J. Anthony 2

Also ran—Yorick (Prioleau), Wallsend (B. Ellis), Dash o' White (W. Hill), Rifle Fire (E. August), Ardaile (G. Green), Star Donovan (J. Mahony, sen.). Off 3.1. (Winner trained by W. Nightingall.)

Betting—3 to 1 each agst. Yorick and Top Light, 100 to 30 Dash o' White, 7 to 1 each DORADO and Ardaile, 8 to 1 Wallsend, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by ten lengths. Only two finished.

3.30—**THAMES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE**, £150. 2 m. 2 f. 59 yds.

Mr. W. F. Sankey's br. g. SOUTHEND, by Southannan—Berlin Poika, 7, 11-7 ...Owner 1

Mr. P. Savill's NORTH WALTHAM, 7, 11-7 ..... Mr. Rayson 2

Sir E. Wills' DINAH MORRIS 8, 11-7 ..... Mr. Bisrood 3

Also ran—My Rath (Owner). Tower Hill (Mr. Edwards). Off 3.32. (Winner trained by Anthony.)

Betting—13 to 8 agst. North Waltham, 2 to 1 SOUTHEND, 11 to 4 Tower Hill, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by four lengths; three lengths.

THIS WEEK'S RACING FIXTURES.

IRELAND.

Friday and Saturday—Leopardstown.
Friday—Limerick.

ENGLAND.

Friday and Saturday—Kempton Park.
Friday and Saturday—Wolverhampton.
Friday and Saturday—Sedgefield.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Redbrae, who disappointed his connections at the recent Sandown Park Meeting, is now being hunted with the Old Berks Foxhounds.

Ennel Beg, who won three races in Ireland this year, has gone into W. Payne's stables at Epsom.

RACING IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA, Saturday.

The race for the King-Emperor's Cup was run here to-day, with the following result:—Orange William, 1; Flaming Orb, 2; Solo Bridge, 3. Won by two lengths, a neck separating second and third. Betting—5 to 2 on Orange William, 4 to 1 agst. Flaming Orb, and 20 to 1 agst. Solo Bridge.—(Reuter.)

NAVAN RACECOURSE CO., LTD.

At an extraordinary general meeting of the Navan Racecourse Company, Limited, held at Proudstown Park, Navan, on Friday, for the purpose of considering the financial position of the company, Major L. G. C. Gerard, chairman, presiding, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—"That the directors be empowered to arrange for the issue to the Hibernian Bank, Limited, of £10,000 First Debentures, to carry interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum. Such Debentures to be secured on the whole or part of the company's property." "That the Directors be empowered to arrange for the issue of £10,000 Second Debentures upon such terms and in such manner as they consider shall be for the benefit of the company, and especially that the directors be authorised, if necessary, to issue said Debentures to any or all of the members of their body."

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the directors of the Hibernian Bank for meeting the Racecourse Company in the way they did and stabilising the finances of the company. Mr. Albert Lowry seconded, and the vote was passed.

LEOPARDSTOWN DECEMBER MEETING, 1924.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th AND 27th.
FIRST RACE—1.30 P.M. EACH DAY.

A Train with Reserved Carriages for Members leaves Harcourt street Station at 12.30 p.m. each day, returning from Foxrock at 3.35 p.m. each day after racing is over.

Members will only be admitted to Reserved Carriages on production of their badges.

On the introduction of a Member, Tickets admitting to the Members' Enclosure can be obtained at the Members' Ticket Office on the Course. Gentleman, 2 gns.; Lady, 5s. 6d. per day.

Combined Tickets for Course and Enclosures (except Club Enclosure) can be obtained at the Booking Office at Harcourt street Station on the days of Racing.—(Advt.).

GOLF.

ROYAL DUBLIN BEAT BAR G.S.

The annual match between the Bar Golfing Society and the Royal Dublin Club, which was played at Dollymount on Saturday, resulted in a rather decisive defeat for the representatives of the Law, the club winning seven of the eleven foursomes and losing only two, the remaining two being halved.

It was a lovely day for golfing, the conditions being in every way perfect, and the match proved one of the pleasantest of the long series in which the Society and the Club have been engaged.

There were several closely contested matches, but in none of them was better golf played than in the leading match, which was halved, after a very fine finish. Fergus O'Connor and R. Grove White led the Bar against J. F. Jameson and S. Wallis, and after playing the first three holes the Club pair held the lead. They, however, lost it at the fourth, and from that on they never regained it. In fact, they were 2 down at the sixth. They won the next, two to square, but at the turn O'Connor and White had again gone into the lead, which they increased by winning the tenth in 4. They lost the thirteenth, but became dormy 2. Then Jameson and Wallis recovered finely, winning the 17th in 3 and home hole in 4, to square the match. There was another excellent finish in the match between W. Moloney and R. Cherry (Bar) and W. Purser and J. Robb (Club), the latter halving after being dormy 4 down.

Irish Bar.		Royal Dublin G.C.
R. Grove White and Fergus O'Connor...	0	J. F. Jameson and S. Wallis 0
Judge Seely and Sir W. H. Boyd	0	J. D. Walsh and T. Johnson 1
Joseph Healy and T. Hughes	1	Capt. W. Mooney and P. Piel 0
Judge Green and Cecil Lavery	0	A. F. Marsh and R. L. Kidd 1
W. Sainsbury and A. Corlett	0	J. V. Stokes and W. Crawley 1
John Healy and W. Glover	0	S. D. Lambert and Captain Webb 1
C. Casey and C. Kenny	0	Kevin O'Duffy and J. Bacon 1
Judge Hynes and J. Dargan	1	Captain Brown and Dr. Eustace 0
W. Moloney and R. Cherry	0	W. Purser and J. Robb 0
T. Kingsmill Moore and F. W. Price...	0	S. Manning and H. Horan 1
K. Dockrell and R. Leonard	0	E. Quinn and Dr. W. Lombard Murphy.. 1
	2	7

ROBIN HOOD.—St. Stephen's Day—Stroke competitions (sweepstakes); 18 holes men; 9 holes, ladies.

KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD G. S.—Sweepstake competition will be held to-day at the Castle Links. Tees drive at 10.30.

ISLAND (MALAHIDE)—Monthly medal. Class I.—Miss Wardell (5), 3 down. Class II.—Miss Harrison (18), 3 down. Semi-open mixed foursomes on Sunday, December 28th. Post entries; strange opponents.

GREYSTONES—Ladies' medal, 23rd inst.

SWIMMING.

SANDYCOVE CLUB'S CHRISTMAS DAY RACE.

The annual race of the Sandycove Club will be held on Christmas Day at the "Forty Foot" at 12 o'clock sharp. Members of all affiliated clubs invited.

RUGBY.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

LANSDOWNE (11) V. MONKSTOWN (8).

After being behind on points for the greater part of the game, Lansdowne got up "on the post" in this match at Lansdowne road on Saturday, to win by 1 goal and 2 tries to 1 goal and 1 try. Both teams were well represented and each had the assistance of a Trinity player in the pack, I. Stuart turning out for Lansdowne and R. W. Harte for Monkstown, but the Sydney Parade side had the misfortune to lose the services of D. L. O'Brien very early in the game, through injury to his leg. Lansdowne, thanks to their forwards, obtained possession much more often than the opposing pack, who did the major portion of the attacking all through the game, and, especially in the second half. Their backs were continuously handling, but they failed badly in their attempts to combine, one or other of them almost invariably trying to do just the bit too much that brings disaster, and the giving and taking of passes left a lot to be desired. The Monkstown backs were more dangerous when chances came their way, and they were quicker to profit by their opponents' mistakes, particularly in the first half, and, with a less experienced full-back than Crawford, would have scored two or three times more. Lansdowne, who were eight points to the bad at half-time, then rearranged their back division, Delap and Guise-Brown and Harris and Maguire changing places, and this made an appreciable improvement; Delap being much more at home at scrum-half than in the centre, and Maguire's individual bursts causing the opposition a lot of trouble.

Crawford, the Lansdowne full, though not having a very strenuous time generally, was on several occasions called upon to deal single-handed with M'Caldin, when a failure to tackle meant a certain score, but the Monkstown wing man, usually with plenty of room to manœuvre in, did not succeed in passing him. Maguire and Harris were the best of the three-quarters, Delap worked the scrums in the second half very well, and McSweeney, although playing well, was inclined to delay his passes too long. The pick of the forwards, who lasted better than the Monkstown set, were Stuart, Browne, Keogh and McInerney.

M'Caldin was the most prominent of the Monkstown backs. He frequently took the opportunity afforded by a Lansdowne lapse to race clean away from the opposition, but, as mentioned before, generally failed to put the finishing touch to his efforts. He was responsible for one fine score, however. Ganly ran well when he got the chance, and Brittain and Lyons played soundly at half. The pick of the forwards were Tittle, Murphy, Todd and Harte.

Lansdowne had the better of the opening exchanges, but Monkstown made the first dangerous move, O'Brien intercepting and getting clean away with Ganly in attendance. Coming up to Crawford however the wing man's leg gave way and he took no further part in the game. Pickeman was brought out of the pack to play centre, Swanton taking O'Brien's place. Following passing, Swanton was taken down at the home 25, but the ball getting loose, Pickeman kicked over the line, and Brittain raced out to get the touch. Pickeman, by handing on first good places, Monkstown's two points up. M'Weeney and Maguire were prominent in an individual manner for Lansdowne, but many chances were allowed to go astray by hopeless passing. Monkstown fought gallantly to keep the Lansdowne backs, and Maguire, after running across in an attempt to clear, kicked straight to M'Caldin, who gathered and raced past several opponents to register Monkstown's second score, which Pickeman failed to convert.

After M'Caldin had made a couple of futile efforts to pass Crawford early in the second half play was very even, Richardson and Tittle respectively reduced the lead by scoring a soft try, after throwing the ball a few inches in from touch and gathering himself, and shortly afterwards Guise-Brown dropped over the line from ten yards out, but Crawford failed to convert both of these scores, although the second was in an easy position. Coming near the close, Harris scored again for Lansdowne from passing near the line, and this time Crawford brought off a goal from near the touch-line. Result:—

Lansdowne—1 goal and 2 tries (11 points).
Monkstown—1 goal and 1 try (8 points).

Teams:—

Lansdowne — W. B. Crawford, R. E. Maguire, M. V. Delap, G. Moran; T. V. Harris, E. Guise-Browne; T. D. O'Mooney, M. Ball, W. G. Browne, W. Keogh, McSweeney, H. V. Millar, E. G. Pemberton, Ian Stuart, P. G. Whitty.

Monkstown—R. C. Stafford; D. L. O'Brien, J. B. Ganly, R. Swanton, M. M'Caldin; T. A. Brittain, D. Lyons; D. B. Tittle, C. Pickeman, R. A. Ross Todd, R. A. Guise-Browne, J. Murphy, R.C. G. Mulhern, R. W. Harte, W. D. Speedy.

Referee—Mr. J. H. Miles.

OLD WESLEY V. BLACKROCK COLLEGE.

At Donnybrook on Saturday Old Wesley caused a big surprise by defeating the hitherto unbeaten Blackrock College by 8 points to 3. There was nothing lucky about the win in every department Old Wesley men were superior, and gave a most convincing display. Kapp played a very fine game at full, his fielding and kicking being of a high order, while he several times inflicted gaining movements among the three-quarters. Elliott, Holland and Glanville were prominent among the backs, and Gray, Love and Dunwoody were the pick of the forwards.

Blackrock were very disappointing, their forwards putting very little life into their game. McElligott was not a success at full, as he allowed himself to be bustled in possession on two or three occasions, and his kicking often lacked length. Stanley, Kenny and Kelly were about the best of the backs, and Browne, Keating and Broderick were the most noticeable among the forwards.

Blackrock carried play to Wesley's 25, and Tierney and Quinn had a bout of passing, which was nipped in the bud by Kapp. Gray then got away along the touch line, centring to Love, the latter got over at the corner for a try, which Young failed to convert. Immediately on resuming good passing by Richardson, Holland and Glanville, saw the last-named dash over in the corner, but he kicked a splendid goal. Wesley were playing a fine game and held the Rock forwards quite easily, but no further scoring took place in this half.

On resuming, Rock forwards played up better, and a grand rush saw Quinn tackled on the line, Blackrock were now awarded a free and Kelly landed a goal. Old Wesley forwards soon followed headed a goal. Old Wesley forwards soon followed the Rock lines, and the visitors had a lively time defending. Keating and Browne led a rush to Old Wesley line, but Kapp cleared splendidly running to half way. Rock rarely had beyond their own 25, nearing the end, in failing light, Rock pressed, but Kapp saved again, and the end came with Old Wesley well deserved winners. Score:—

Old Wesley—1 goal 3 try (6 points).
Blackrock College—1 penalty goal (3 points).

Teams:—

Old Wesley—F. H. Kapp; W. H. Glanville, E. O. Holland, L. L. Richardson, R. Elliott; G. Ford, Young; R. Dunwoody, B. Gray; D. Gray, G. W. Clegg, C. Fitzpatrick, A. W. Love, D. S. Alley, G. G. Alexander, W. Dunwoody, A. Anketell.

Blackrock College—T. McElligott; L. D. Stanley, M. McGowan, C. Kenny, M. Kenny, A. Kelly, F. Tierney; J. D. Browne, J. Keating, M. Cogan, J. Gleeson, J. Broderick, S. Keogh, J. Cloonan, M. Gleeson.

Referee—Mr. T. Bell.

BECTIVE RANGERS (20) V. PALMERSTON (8).

Although the weather was beautifully fine and mild at Milltown on Saturday the pitch was in a very heavy and greasy state, especially as regards the centre. Bective were without R. Collopy, J. Egan, C. Fagan and Dr. P. J. Roddy, though they fielded a good side, while Anderson, Keane, Kerr and Ballaghan were absent from the home team. The cross winds did not favour either side, and Rangers playing from the railway end, ran up a goal and four tries to nil in the first half. They only scored once in the second period, and Palmerston, fighting pluckily to the finish, got a goal from a try and a penalty goal in the closing stages. Bective exploited the New Zealand formation, W. Colloppy acting as rover, and it worked very well, but though there was some pretty passing it was at times overdone, for the players were not able to get up speed on the sticky sod.

Rangers attacked strongly at the outset, and Clarke opening up nice movement, in which Meldon, Atkins and Colloppy took part, ended in M. O'Meara scoring at the right. Atkins converting. Next, from a scrum at the home 25 Clarke burst over at the left, Atkins just failing to add the points. Colloppy, Wade and Ryan had a rush, but a forward pass spoiled, and Clarke, giving to Meldon, Atkins went over at the left, but failed to improve. V. Kirwan and Wilson put Palmerston pressing and Bailagh touched down, but was ruled to have been pulled into touch. Fitzgerald, Collopy, M. O'Meara and Atkins ended in the latter running round behind the posts, but his kick did not rise. Hazlett, Wilson, R. Kirwan and Connolly helped Palmerston to

PROSPECTUS.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.
The List will be CLOSED on or before TUESDAY, the 23rd DECEMBER, 1924.

GOVERNMENT OF VICTORIA
4¾ per Cent. INSCRIBED STOCK, 1940-1960.

ISSUE OF £6,000,000.
PRICE OF ISSUE, £97 10/- PER CENT.
Interest payable 1st January and 1st July.
Six months' Interest payable 1st July, 1925.

The Government of Victoria will comply with the requirements of the Colonial Stock Act, 1900, in order that **Trustees may invest in this Stock** subject to the provisions set forth in the Trustee Act, 1893.

WESTMINSTER BANK, LIMITED, is instructed by the Government of Victoria to offer for subscription the above amount of Stock, authorised to be issued under Acts of the Parliament of the State of Victoria, Nos. 3,233, 3,274 and 3,345.

The Loan is raised for the construction of Railways and Rolling Stock, Main Roads and Developmental Roads, Irrigation Works and Water Supply, and for works and undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.

In accordance with the provisions of the Redemption Fund Act of the Victorian Legislature, 62 Vict., No. 1,561, the sum of 10/- per cent. of the amount of Stock issued will be provided annually towards the redemption of such Stock.

Victorian Government Debentures and Stock issued and payable in London, and the interest thereon, the property of persons not domiciled in the State of Victoria, are not and will not be subject to any taxes, duties or levies by that State.

The Stock will be inscribed under "The Colonial Stock Act, 1877," in the books kept by Westminster Bank, Limited, and will be transferable free of stamp duty. Interest will be payable half-yearly at the same Bank on the 1st January and 1st July by Dividend Warrants, which will be forwarded by post at the Stockholders' risk.

The revenues of the State of Victoria alone are liable in respect of this Stock and the Dividends thereon, and the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom and the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are not directly or indirectly liable or responsible for the payment of the Stock or of the Dividends thereon, or for any matter relating thereto.—40 and 41 Vict., cap. 59, sec. 19.

Applications will be received at Westminster Bank, Limited, Lothbury, and must be for even hundreds of Stock, and be accompanied by a deposit of £5 per cent. on the nominal amount applied for.

Payment will be required as follows, viz.:—
£5 per cent. on Application.
£92 10s. " " 23rd January, 1925.
£97 10s.

Payment in full may be made after allotment, and discount at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed from 29th DECEMBER, 1924, or any subsequent date.

Full Prospectuses can be obtained at Westminster Bank, Limited, 41 Lothbury, London, E.C. 2; 21 Lombard street, London, E.C. 3; 4 Bartholomew lane, London, E.C. 2, or at any of the Branches of the Bank; at the Ulster Bank, Limited, Belfast, and Branches of that Bank; of Messrs. R. Nivison and Co., Bank Buildings, Princes street, London, E.C. 2, and from the Agent-General for Victoria, Victoria House, Melbourne place, Strand, London, W.C. 2.

Westminster Bank, Limited.
Head Office, 41 Lothbury, London, E.C. 2.
19th December, 1924.

THIS FORM MAY BE USED.
FORM OF APPLICATION
FOR
GOVERNMENT OF VICTORIA
4¾% INSCRIBED STOCK, 1940-1960.
(58)

To WESTMINSTER BANK LIMITED.
Head Office: 41 Lothbury, London, E.C. 2.

I/We hereby apply for £............... say............... of the Victorian Government 4¾% Inscribed Stock, 1940-1960, according to the Prospectus of 19th December, 1924, and undertake to pay £97 10s. for every £100 of Stock, and to accept the same or any less amount that may be allotted to me/us, and to pay for the same in conformity with the terms of the said Prospectus.

I/We enclose the required deposit of £............... being £5 per cent. on the nominal amount applied for.

Please write distinctly.

Signature ....

Name (in full) ....
(BLOCK LETTERS.) (State if Mr., Mrs. or Miss.)

Address (in full) ....

....

............December, 1924.

N.B.—Applications must be for even hundreds of Stock, and must be accompanied by the amount of Deposit thereon.

COMPANY NOTICES.

DUBLIN AND SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY,
Including
CITY OF DUBLIN JUNCTION RAILWAYS AND NEW ROSS AND WATERFORD EXTENSION RAILWAYS.

Consolidated Ordinary Stock.
Consolidated Preference Stock.
Consolidated Debenture Stocks.
New Ross and Waterford Extension Railways Stock.
All Stocks of City of Dublin Junction Railways.

Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of this Company relating to above Stocks will be closed on the evening of the 31st December, 1924.

R. D. GRIFFITH, Secretary.
Westland Row Station, Dublin,
22nd December, 1924.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORTS.

SATURDAY.

Wind and Weather—Wind; light and variable; fine and clear.

Foreign Arrival—S.s. Fuhrmann, of Hamburg (491 tons register), Captain Klamann, from Hamburg, via Cork, with a general cargo, discharged at Shelter Sheds, North Wall Extension, and proceeded to Belfast with part cargo.

Coastwise Arrivals—S.s. Slieve Donard from Holyhead, with goods; s.s. Lady Limerick, from Liverpool, with goods; s.s. Olive, from Heysham, with goods; s.s. Puma, from Glasgow, with goods; s.s Admiral, s.s. Aquilla, from Garston, with coals; s.s. St. Mirren, from Whitehaven, with coals; s.s. Farfield, from Preston, with coals; s.s. Silverfield, from Partington, with coals; s.s. Sapphire, from Ayr, with coals.

Foreign Departures—S.s. General Leman, of Antwerp (518 tons register), Captain De Corte, for Antwerp, with live stock and general cargo; s.s. Beneawers, of Leith (2,520 tons register), Captain Bee, for Leith, light.

Coastwise Departures—S.s. Slieve Bawn, s.s. Slieve Donard, for Holyhead, with goods; s.s. Lady Cloe, for London, with goods; s.s. Olive, for Heysham, with goods; s.s. Puma, for Glasgow, with goods; s.s. Lady Limerick, for Liverpool and Birkenhead, with live stock and goods; s.s. Clareisland, for Manchester, with porter; s.s. St. Kenneth, for Garston, light; s.s. Heatherfield, s.s. Beechfield, for Ormeshead, light; s.s. Arclight, for Swansea, light; s.s. Sard, for Ayr, light; s.s. Talacre, for Point of Aire, light.

SUNDAY.

Wind and Weather—S.S.W. to S. wind; moderate breeze; fine and clear.

Coastwise Arrivals—S.s. Lady Longford, s.s. Lady Kildare, from Liverpool, with goods; s.s. Lady Wicklow, from Manchester, with goods; s.s. Pointer, from Glasgow, with goods; s.s. Brier, from Heysham, with goods; s.s. Yarrow, from Silloth, with goods; s.s. Patricia, from Cardiff, with goods; s.s. Lagan, s.s. Prase, s.s. Nugget, from Ayr, with coals; s.s. Gem, s.s. Olivine, from Newport, with coals; s.s. Cameo, s.s. Mango, s.s. Zillah, s.s. Priscilla, from Garston, with coals; s.s. Rosabelle, from Point of Aire, with coals; s.s. Glencullen, from Partington, with coals; s.s. Osceola, from London, with oil; Emily Barratt, from Portmadoc, with slates.

Coastwise Departures—S.s. Saint Mirren, for Llandulas, light; s.s. Saint Mungo, for Garston, light; s.s. The Monarch, for Whitehaven, light; s.s. Farfield, for Mostyn, light; s.s. Glenageary, for Partington, light; s.s. Thelma, for Piel, light; s.s. Agnes Ellen, for Trevor, light; s.s. Sapphire, for Ayr, light; s.s. Admiral, for Barmouth (Wales), light.

LLOYD'S MAIL NEWS.

ABA, Liverpool for Lagos, called Las Palmas 17.
ARMADALE CASTLE, Southampton for Port Natal, called East London 19.
APPAM, Lagos for Liverpool, called Plymouth 20.
ASSYRIA, for New York, left the Clyde 20.
BOLIVIAN, for Boston, left the Mersey 20.
BOMPATA, Forcados for Hull, arr. Las Palmas 17.
BAKANA, from Hull, arrived Sierra Leone 18.
BEREBY, for West Africa, left the Mersey 20.
CALEDONIA, from London, arrived Bombay 19.
COLLEGIAN, from Calcutta, arrived the Mersey 19.
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, Hull for Bombay, called Perim 20.
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, Adelaide for the United Kingdom, arrived Port Pirie 12.
CITY OF PARIS, Karachi for Liverpool, arrived Marseilles 18.
CLEVELAND, New York for Hamburg, called Plymouth 20.
DURENDA, from Avonmouth, arrived Sydney 18.
DIPLOMAT, from Calcutta, arrived the Mersey 19.
DARRO, from Liverpool, arr. Rio de Janeiro 19.
DEUTSCHLAND, for New York, left Southampton 19.
EGBA, from Liverpool, arrived Sapele 18.
GAIKA, Mauritius for London, called Las Palmas 17.
HEREFORDSHIRE, for Rangoon, left the Mersey 20.
JERVIS BAY, for London, left Sydney 18.
JEKRI, from London, arrived Burutu 18.
KAISAR-I-HIND, Bombay for London, left Marseilles 19.
KIAORA, for London, left Melbourne 18.
KHYBER, from Calcutta, arrived Gravesend 20.
KASHMIR, for Yokohama, left Gravesend 19.
KATORI MARU, for Yokohama, left Gravesend 20.
KINDERDIJK, for Vancouver, left Gravesend 20.
LEICESTERSHIRE, Liverpool for Rangoon, left Suez 19.
MONTLAURIER, from St. John, arr. the Mersey 19.
MERCIAN, from Norfolk, arrived the Mersey 20.
NEW BRUNSWICK, from Hull, arrived Lagos 17.
NEW BROOKLYN, from Hull, arr. Sierra Leone 17.
NATIA, for Monte Video, left Barry 19.
NELLORE, from London, arrived Calcutta 20.
PORT HACKING, from London, arrived Melbourne 18.
PERIM, from London, arrived Adelaide 20.
PEMBROKESHIRE, for Yokohama, left Gravesend 19.
PORT DENISON, for Lyttelton, left Gravesend 20.
RIMUTAKA, for London, left Dunedin 18.
SALABANKA, from East London, arr. Algoa Bay 19.
SURREY, from Liverpool, arrived Melbourne 19.
SALAGA, for Liverpool, left Forcados 18.
SENATOR, for New Orleans, left the Mersey 19.
STANLEY HALL, Liverpool for Beira, arr. Zanzibar 19.
SCINDIA, from Bombay, arrived the Mersey 19.
STUTTGART, New York for Bremerhaven, called Plymouth 19.
UMZINTO, for Beira, left Gravesend 20.
VARDULIA, from London, arrived New York 18.
VASCONIA, from Portland, Maine, arr. Gravesend 19.
WAIMATE, from Liverpool, arrived Sydney 19.

Cunard Movements.

AURANIA left New York at noon on Saturday for Liverpool, via Queenstown.
CARONIA left Queenstown at 6 a.m. yesterday for New York, via Boston.
PHRYGIA left Leghorn last Saturday.

White Star Movements.

Celtic, from New York, arrived at Queenstown at 7 a.m. yesterday, landed passengers and mails, and proceeded to Liverpool at 9.45 a.m.

Regina, from Liverpool, arrived at Queenstown at 8 a.m. yesterday, embarked passengers and mails, and proceeded to New York at 11.45 a.m.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

The following is a full report of the business done on the Dublin and Belfast Stock Exchanges last week in each department, except Consols and War Loans. The day on which the business was done is indicated by the initial letter in parentheses, and dealings in odd lots are marked by an asterisk:—

DUBLIN.

National Loan—92¾ (M.), 92½ (T.), 92½ (W.), *92½ (Th.), 92¾ (F.).
National Dead—*92¾ (M.).
Compensation Stock—90 (M.), 90 (T.), 90 (W.), 90 (F.).
Guaranteed Land—*56 (M.), 57b. (F.).
2¾ p.c. Land Act—59½ (W.).
3 p.c. Land Act—64½ (M.), 64¾ (T.), 64⅛ (W.).
Dublin Stock—*68½c. (M.), 68½c. (T.).
Sligo Harbour—45½ (M.).
Bank of Ireland—272c. (M.), 272c. 3c. (T.), 272½c. 2c. (Th.), 272c. (F.).
Hibernian Bank—7½ (M.), 7½ (T.), 7½ (Th.), *6½ (F.).
Munster and Leinster Bank—6½ (T.), 6½ (Th.), *6½ (F.).
National Bank—20½ ⅛ (M.), 20½ (T.), 20½ (W.), *20½ (Th.).
Provincial Bank—*22 (T.).
Provincial Bank New—17½ (M.).
Royal Bank—*13½ (F.).
Cavan No. 2—42/6d. (M.), 40/- (T.).
Dublin S.E. Ord.—18 (W.).
Dublin S.E. Pref.—*50½ ½ (M.), 50½ (Th.).
Dublin S.E. A Deb.—67½ (T.).
Dublin S.E. B Deb.—68 (F.).
Great Northern Ord.—*54½ (M.), 55½ (Th.).
Great Northern Pref.—56½ (W.), *57 (Th.).
Great Northern Guaranteed—*61 (T.), *62½ (Th.).
Great Northern Deb.—71 (M.), 71 (W.).
Great Southern Ord.—*38 (M.), 38c. 8 (T.), 38 *7½ (W.), 37½ (Th.), 36½ (F.).
Great Southern Pref.—50½ (M.), 51 (T.), 50½ (W.), 50½ (Th.), 51 (F.).
Great Southern Guaranteed—*56 (M.), *56½ (T.), 56½ (Th.), 57 (F.).
Great Southern Deb.—69½ ½ (M.), 69½ (T.), *69 (W.), 69½ (Th.), 69 (F.).

Alliance Gas—6⅛ (T.).
Alliance Gas Deb.—66 (M.).
Arnott Pref.—70/- (M.).
Arnott Deb.—6½ (F.).
Bolands Ord.—42/6 (M.), 42/6 (Th.).
Bolands Pref.—*5½ (T.).
Bolands Deb.—6 (T.).
Bass, Ratcliff Ord.—45/10½ (M.).
Buchanan-Dewar—70/- (F.).
Bleachers—64/3 (M.), 64/3 x.d. (F.).
Bradford Dyers—83/6 (W.), 84/3 (Th.).
British-American Tobacco—108/9 (Th.).
British and Irish Steam Pref.—14/- (M.).
Burke Ord.—84/- (T.), 85/- (F.).
Burke Pref.—80/- (M.).
Burke Deb.—8½ (F.).
British South Africa (Chartered)—17/- 1½d. (M.), 17/1½ (T.), 16/9 (W.).
Calicos—36/- (Th.).
Coats—63/- (M.), 62/1½ x.d. (T.), 62/9 (W.), 62/9c. 9d. x.b. (Th.), 62/9 (F.).
Coats B Pref.—23/3 x.d. (T.), 23/1½ (F.).
Clontarf Tram—81/3 (T.).
Cork Tram Deb.—55b. (F.).
Courtaulds—65/4½ 6d. (M.), 67/3 7/-c. 1½d. 3d. 4½d. (T.), 67/-c. 7/1½ 7/- 3d. (W.), 69/- 8/10½ 9/- 8/10½ 9/1½ (Th.), 68/9 9/- 8/10½ 8/9 (F.).
Courtaulds Pref.—18/7½ 9d. (M.), 18/7½ (T.), 18/9 (W.), 18/3 x.d. (Th.).
Denny Pref.—8½ (M.), 8½ (W.).
Dublin Distillers—*28/6 7/10½ (M.), 27/3 (W.), 27/9 (F.).
Dublin Distillers Pref.—79/3 (M.), 79/6 (W.).
Dublin Distillers Deb.—61½ (F.).
Dublin Tram—6½b. (M.), 6½b. 6¼a. (T.), 6⅜ (W.).
Dublin Tram Pref.—8½ (T.), 8½ (Th.), 8½ (F.).
Dublin Tram (D.S.D.T.) Deb.—67 (T.).
Dockrell Ord.—14/9 (M.).
Dublin Artisans Dwellings—*6½ (F.).
Dunlops—9/9 (M.), 9/9 (T.), 9/9 (W.), 10/4½ (Th.).
Fine Spinners—55/7½ (M.), 55/9 (Th.), 56/3 1½d. 6d. (F.).
Guinness—49¾ (M.), 49½c. ⅜ (T.), 49½c. ⅜ ½ ⅜ (W.), 49⅜ (Th.), 49⅜ ½ ⅜ (F.).
Guinness Pref.—*11½ (M.), 11½ (W.), 11½ (Th.).
Goulding Deb.—*70/- (M.), 68/3 x.d. (Th.).
Greek Loan—5½ prem. (M.), 6½ prem. (Th.).
Henry Street Warehouse—*11/- (W.)
Hely's Pref.—17/9 (Th.).
Hayes Conyngham Deb.—*61/3 (F.).
Hibernian Fire—*4/9 (W.).
Imperial Tobacco, Canada—28/- (M.), *28/3 (T.), 28/- x.d. (F.).
Imperial Tobacco—85/- (M.), *85/3 (T.), 85/- (W.), 85/- (Th.), 86/4½ 3d. 8/- (F.).
Irish-American Oil Pref.—19/6 (W.).
"Irish Times" 6½ p.c.—*67/6 (Th.).
Johnston Mooney Debs.—*6½ (F.).
Lever 7 p.c. Pref.—21/9 10½d. (M.), 21/9c. 9d. (T.), 21/3 x.d. (Th.).
Lever 8 p.c. Pref.—21/7½ (M.), 21/9 (W.).
Lever 20 p.c. Pref. Ord.—11/1½ (M.).
Marconi—31/6 (M.), 31/3 1/- (T.), 31/- (W.), 30/9 (Th.), 30/9 (F.).
Mooney (J. G.) Deb.—64½ x.d. (Th.).
Marconi, Canada—5/7½ (M.), 6/- (T.), 5/9 10½d. (W.).
Mexican Eagle Ord.—15/7½ (W.), 16/- (Th.).
Power Pref.—18/9 (M.), 19/4½ (T.), *19/- (W.).
Parent Tyre Ord.—22/6 (W.), 19/- x.d. (F.).
Parent Tyre Def.—35/6 x.d. and b. (Th.).
Parent Tyre Pref.—15/- 1½d. (M.), 15/1½ 3d. (T.), 15/1½ 3d. (W.), 14/7½ x.d. (Th.).
Pim Ord.—*50/- (M.).
Radio Com.—9⅛ (M.), 9½ (W.), 9½ (Th.), 9½ 10 (F.).
Radio Pref.—10⅛ (M.), 10⅛ (W.), 10⅛ ⅛ (F.).
Sewing Cotton—60/3 (T.), 60/6 (W.), 60/3 (F.).
Shells—*86/3 (T.), 85/- (W.), 85/3 (Th.), 85/- 5/3 (F.).
Todd Burns Ord.—11/1½ (M.).
Todd Burns Deb.—*65/- (Th.).
Thom Pref.—50/- (F.).
Thom Deb.—*6½ (F.).
Vickers (Tax Free) Pref.—16/6 (Th.).
Vickers—11/6 (W.).
Walpole Pref.—75/- (T.), *75/- (F.).
West Carbery—11/6a. (F.).
(c.—Cash; b.—Bid; a.—Asked.)

BELFAST.

Belfast Corporation 3½ p.c., 1928—90 (Th.).
Belfast Harbour Commissioners 3½ p.c.—72½ (Th.).
Belfast Water Commissioners 3 p.c.—60 (W.).
Northern Bank A—5½ (M.).
Northern Bank B—2½ (M.), 2½ (Th.).
Provincial Bank—22⅛a. (F.).
Westminster Bank—18⅛ (M.), 18⅛ (F.).
Belfast and Co. Down 5 p.c. Guaranteed—85 (W.).
Great Northern Ord.—54½ (M.).
Great Northern 4 p.c. Pref.—57½ (T.).
Great Southern Ord.—38 (Th.).
Arnott and Co.—50/- (F.).
Bleachers' Association—64/- 64/3 (F.).
Coats Ord.—62/9 (M.), 62/3 (T.), 62/9 (Th.).
Chartered—17/- (T.), 17/- (W.).
Cuthbert Ord.—31/- (T.).
Dunlop—9/10½ (M.), 9/10½ (T.), 10/- 10/1½ (Th.), 10/4½ (F.).
Dunville—13 (F.).
Green and Co.—6½ (Th.).
Guinness—49⅜ (M.).
Hughes Ord.—37/- (F.).
Imperial Tobacco—85/- (T.), 86/7½ (F.).
Lagan Vale Estate—20/- (F.).
Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref.—21/7½ (T.), 21/9 (W.).
Linen Thread Pref. Ord. 6 p.c.—20/10½ (W.).
M'Caw, Stevenson and Co. 5 p.c. Pref.—10/- (W.).
M'Donnell Pref.—4½ (M.), 4½ (F.).
Mitchell and Co. Debs.—7½b. (F.).
Old Bushmills Distillery—8/- (T.), 10/- (Th.).
Robertson, Ledlie Ferguson—6 (M.).
Robertson, Ledlie Ferguson 6 p.c. Cum. Part. Pref.—7½ (F.).
Robinson and Cleaver 4 p.c. Debs.—71 (W.).
Shell Transport—4⅛ (M.).
Wall Paper Deferred—22/10½ (F.).
York St. Flax Spinning Co. Ord.—28 (M.).
York St. Flax Spinning Co. 8 p.c. Pref.—10⅛ (T.).
(a.—Asked; b.—Bid.)

BIRMINGHAM MOTOR SHARE MARKET.

Friday's closing quotations:—Austin Ord., 6/1½; do. B. Pref., 11/-; do. Prefd. 10 p.c., 6/3; do. 4th Deb., 88 x.d.; Birmingham Small Arms, 13/6; Bluemel Bros., 37/6; Bowden Brake, 6/3; Bretts Stamping, 22/-; Brooks (J. B.), 41/6; Calcott Bros., 29/6; Components, 3/6; Coventry Chain, 29/7½; Crossley Motors, 5/9; Dennis Bros., 39/1½; Enfield Cycle, 27/6; Fodens, 18/3; Guy Motors, 5/9; Halford Cycle, 41/- x.d. and bonus; Halley's Motor, 5/7½; Harper Bean, 2d.; Hughes Johnson, 21/9; Humber, 29/-; do. Pref., 18/-; James Cycle, 15/9; Leyland Motor, 4/6; Lucas (Jos.), 56/6; Maudslay, 8/-; Napier Ord., 23/9; do. Pref., 19/6; New Hudson, 15/6; Riley (Coventry), 9/6; Rolls-Royce, 27/4½; Rovers, 11/3; Rudge-Whitworth, 8/9; do. Pref., 64/-; S.T.D. Motors, 5/6; do. Pref., 11/6; do. 8 p.c. Notes, 97½; Serck Radiators, 11/9; Singer and Co., 33/6; Smith (S.) and Sons Defd., 9d.; Smith's Stamping, 24/-; Standard Motor, 48/6; Star Engineering, 4/-; Stevens (A. J.), 27/6; Straker Squire, 3d.; Swift, 8/9; do. Pref., 11/-; Triumph, 28/3; Vandervell (C.A.) and Co. Prefd., 4/1½; Vauxhall Motor, 8/9; Vulcan Motor, 3/-; Wolseley Motor Pref., 3/9; do. Deb., 70½; Dunlop Rubber, 10/6; do. A. Pref., 21/3; do. B. Pref., 21/3; Leyland Rubber, 27/3; Parent Tyre Ord., 20/- x.d.; do. Pref., 14/3 x.d.; do. Defd. 35/- x.d.; Stepney Tyres, 9/-; Tyre Investment, 4/6.

WHISKEY FUSION RUMOURS.

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.
EDINBURGH, December 21.

From a well-informed source I understand that a meeting between the most responsible representatives of "The Big Four" was held in London on Thursday. There are many conjectures in Scottish whiskey circles as to what the existing situation portends.

On Friday five minutes before the official opening of the Edinburgh market one broker threw on the market first one lot of 5,000 shares, and followed with other substantial lines, and every share was taken up by the "shunters" from Glasgow and London. Edinburgh was a seller throughout the day, but London and Glasgow took everything offered, and I am told that the people closely allied with the Distillers' Company have not parted with a single share.

That a strong community of interests already exists between Buchanan-Dewar, John Walker and Sons, and the Distillers' Company was shown at a meeting in Glasgow a few days ago when the parcel of Peter Dawson's whiskey, which was purchased at £2,000,000 sterling, was discussed.

That closer co-operation is on the way is assured, but what constitution it will take is problematical. The Distillers' Company, with its malt and grain production and grain whiskey—the key product of the industry—its monopoly of yeast, and vast ramifications into the distributing avenues in all parts of the world, is in a strong individual position, and the value placed on its colossal resources in matured whiskies has not risen in the balance sheet.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

STERLING ON THE UP GRADE.

FUNDS IN ADEQUATE SUPPLY.

In Lombard street funds were in adequate supply, though, owing to the time of the year, were not so plentiful as usual on a Saturday. The bulk of loans were lent at 2¾ to 3 per cent., but there was a small business at 2½ per cent. for fresh money. Bill rates, on the other hand, were decidedly firm. Both the banks and the brokers are full of paper of all dates, this position indicating that large amounts will have to be borrowed from the Bank of England to meet the end-year requirements. Similar conditions prevail in relation to Treasury bills. "Hot" bills obtained at Friday's tenders were being offered at 3⅞ per cent., with very few takers. Commercial discount rates were 3⅞—3⅞ per cent. for two months, 3⅞ per cent. for threes and fours, and 3⅞ for six months' maturities. In spite of the higher rate at which Treasury Bills were allocated last week, the "Tap" rate for the supplementary issue at the Bank was reinstated at 3¾ per cent.

Bank Rate (Discount changed July 5, 1923), 4%
60 days (fine) .... 3⅞% | Trade 4 4⅛%
3 months .. .. 3⅞ 3⅞% | " 4 4⅛%
4 months .. .. 3⅞ 3⅞% | " 4 5%
6 months .. .. 4 % | " 3 2¾%
Loans to brokers day-to-day 2¾%
" " for a week 2¾%
Deposit allowance: Banks at call .... 2 %
Discount houses, at call .... 2 %
" " at notice .... 2 %

There was as usual no market for gold, and silver displayed little of interest. The price of cash bars was unchanged at 32⅛d. per ounce, while forward delivery gained ⅛ at 32⅛d.

After a period of quietude the value of the pound in New York is again making upward strides. Saturday's opening of 4.71⅛ dollars was ⅛ cent above the previous close. There was a recession later to 4.70⅞, but the close was firm at 4.71⅛ in New York. Montreal rose from 4.73 to 4.73¾. Of the leading Continental currencies French francs were steady around 87.20 to 87.30, but fresh retrograde movements were disclosed in the rates for Belgian francs and Italian lire at 94.50 and 110.05 respectively. With the exception of the Dutch florin, which weakened, other movements were more or less of a nominal value, the extent of business being small. The following are closing quotations:—

—	December 20.		December 19.		Normal Rate
Alexandria	97⅛		97⅛		97½
Amsterdam	11.65	11.65½	11.64½	11.65½	12.10
B. Ayres	45½	45⅛	45⅛	45⅝	47.58
Barcelona	33.64	33.67	33.63	33.65	25.22
Berlin	19.76	19.80	19.70	19.80	20.40
Bombay	1/6⅜	1/6⅜	1/6⅜	1/6⅜	2/0
Brussels	94.45	94.65	93.80	93.90	25.22½
Calcutta	1/6⅜	1/6⅜	1/6⅜	1/6⅜	2/0
Christiania	31.14	31.17	31.05	31.10	18.15
Copenhagen	26.60	26.72	26.58	26.63	18.15
Czecho-Slov	155½	155½	154⅞	155⅞	—
Finland	187¾	187¾	186½	187	25.22½
Greece	258½	260	257	262	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/4	2/4⅛	2/4	2/4⅛	
Hungary	340,000	348,000	340,000	350,000	—
Italy	110.00	110.10	110.33	110.38	25.22½
Lisbon	2⅝	2⅝	2⅝	2⅝	53⅛d.
Madrid	33.67	33.69	33.64	33.67	25.22½
Mexico	24½	25⅛	24⅝	25⅛	24.58
Montreal	4.73	4.73¾	4.73	4.73¾	4.86
Montevideo	49	49⅛	48⅞	49⅛	51d.
New York	4.70⅞	4.71⅛	4.70⅞	4.71⅛	4.86
Paris	87.17	87.30	87.00	87.75	25.22
Poland	24.40	24.60	24.35	24.55	25.22½
Rio de Jan	5⅞	5⅞	5⅞	5⅞	16d.
Roumania	9.17	9.18	9.20	9.25	—
Shanghai	3/2⅛	3/2⅜	3/2⅛	3/2⅜	—
Singapore	2/4½		2/4½		2/4½
Stockholm	17.46	17.48	17.45	17.50	18.15
Switzerland	24.29	24.31	24.26	24.31	25.22
Valparaiso	40.30		40.60		13.33
Vienna	332,000	335,000	330,000	335,000	—
Yokohama	1/7½	1/7⅞	1/7⅛	1/7⅞	4.5

PRICES OF RECENT ISSUES.

Agar Cross 5½ p.c. Debs (£5 paid)—3½-4½ pm. Anglo-Spanish Construction (Pes. 500)—2½-1½ do. 6 p.c. Debs. (£45 paid)—10½-9½ dis. Armstrong (£20 paid)—⅛-⅛ dis. Auckland (City of) (fully paid)—100-½. Australia 4½ p.c. 1940-60 (£32½ paid)—½-½ dis. Ayrshire Electricity 4½ p.c. (£46 paid)—½ dis.-½ pm. Belseri-Chardsar Tea Ord. (10/- paid)—4/-5/- pm.; do. Pref. (10/- pd.)—3d.-9d. pm. Bradford Corporation 4½ p.c. 1940-1950 (£50 pd.)—1-1½ pm. Brisbane Tramways Trust 5½ p.c., 1944-54 (fully paid)—100½-½. Buenos Ayres Western Railway 5 p.c. Notes (fully paid)—97-8. Bukit Tupah Rubber (12/6 pd.)—3/6-4/6 pm. Candova Estates (£30 paid)—2-1½ dis. Consett Iron 6 p.c. Debs.—101½-2½. Crittall Mfg. 8 p.c. Pref. (fully paid)—22/9-23/3. Galicia Nitrate 7 p.c. Deb.—99½-100½. German 7 p.c. (£60 paid)—7½-½ pm. Gillette Razor—61/2. Greek 7 p.c. (£15 paid)—6½ pm. Hide and Co. Ord. (1/-)—2/3-2/6; do. Pref. (fully paid)—9d.-1/3 pm. International Sleeping Car 6 p.c. Bonds (£40 paid)—1 dis.-par. Johnson and Phillips New (fully paid)—25/9-26/9. Leicester Corporation 4½ p.c. (23½ paid)—⅛-⅛ pm. Lewis's 5 p.c. Debs. (£35 paid)—Par-½ pm. Liquid Air—23/6-24/6. Mason (George J) 7 p.c. Pref.—21/3-21/9. Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board 5 p.c. (£88 paid)—⅛-⅛ dis. Mid-European Corporation (£8 paid)—7½-½. National Cotton Printing Works 8 p.c. 1st Debs. (fully paid)—100-1. Neuchatel Asphalte 6 p.c. Debs. (£50 paid)—4½-5½ pm. Newcastle 4½ p.c. (£20 paid)—½-½ dis. Perfetti Nitrate 4½ p.c. Debs.—98½-5½. Port of London 4½ p.c. (£5 paid)—1-½ dis. Queensland 5 p.c. 1940-60 (fully paid)—4½-5½ pm. Sears (J. T.) 12½ p.c. Pref.—37/6-38/6. Spillers Milling 6½ p.c. Notes (fully paid)—99½-100½. S. Africa 5 p.c. (£69½ pd.). 1940-60—2⅛-⅛ pm. Southern Railway Pref. (29½ paid)—1½-2 pm. Staveley Trust (5/- paid)—Par-6d. pm.; do. Defd.—3/9-4/3. Sudan 4 p.c. (£21 paid)—2⅛-⅛ pm. Walker (Peter) 8 p.c. Pref.—20/-21/-.

TROPICAL PRODUCE MARKET ACTIVE.

FROM OUR COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENT.
LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

The tropical produce market, for the most part, has experienced an active week. Some of the chief commodities were inclined to sag in the early part of the week, but most of the set-back has since been recovered.

In the case of palm oil there has been more activity on the part of Northern Continental buyers than has been the case for some months past, with a consequent increase in values. Lagos has put on 7s. 6d. per ton, softs 11s. 3d. and mediums 10s. per ton, while hards rule at about their previous figure. There has been quite an active demand for January-February and February-March arrivals, though most descriptions of oil can be obtained at a good discount compared with spot prices and those for near at hand. Lagos, for instance, shows a discount of 5s., softs and mediums of 8s. 9d. and hards 2s. 6d. per ton. Trading for shipment on transit option bill terms has been carried through on an average of 5s. per ton over quay terms. Sales during the week are estimated at 2,500 tons, with Lagos quoted £44, Sherbro £43 17s. 6d., Benin £43 17s. 6d. and Niger £43 12s. 6d.

Palm kernels have been somewhat reactionary. At one period October-December ruled at £23 10s., with a considerable business done at this figure. Then there was a set-back of fully 10s. per ton, November-January changing hands at £22 15s. The market, however, has shown some recovery since, and for spot £23 has been paid, with afloat ruling at £22 15s. and January-March £22 16s. 3d. Hull consumers have bought largely, £23 having been paid for January-February shipment material and £23 3s. 9d. for December-January. Business, however, can now be carried through on terms showing a discount of 2s. 6d. to 3s. 9d. on the figures quoted above. Hamburg has carried through a little business at £23 5s. for December-January fines.

Copra has been largely governed by America. In the early part of the week the tendency was firm; then a set-back was experienced, only for values to again move upward, and prices, compared with a week ago, show a rise of from 5s. to 17s. 6d. Trade with Marseilles has been fairly steady, with business in F.M. Straits, December-January shipment, carried through at £29 17s. 6d., though buyers have since only traded at 5s. less money

LIVERPOOL COTTON BETTER.

FROM OUR COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Business during the week has shown a decided revival, both trade and speculative operations having attained proportions altogether unexpected in view of the approaching holiday. This can only be explained as being due to a readjustment of ideas regarding the statistical situation in respect to supply and demand questions. So far as supplies are concerned, the season has been somewhat unique, and even now ideas vary as to the ultimate size of the crop. Pressure of spot cotton has exhausted itself, and, with trade demand still broadening, speculative interest has been revived. At the same time, while it is generally admitted cotton has not the attraction of previous years, it cannot be overlooked the position presents possibilities once operators require fresh scope after their extensive dealings in other markets open for speculation. On the week futures are 21 to 37 points higher.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S ECONOMY.

Chicago business men appear to have been much impressed by President Coolidge's simple mode of travel. New York editorials emphasise that the President by not only travelling in a plain Pullman in his recent journey from Washington to Chicago, but by having a "regular $1.25 dinner" in the diner, showed that the Republican administration is practising its own doctrine of economy and that the President is setting an example of thrift even in the face of the prosperity which the country is now enjoying. His action is commented upon as being in striking contrast with the methods of Canada's State railway officials, who, following Grand Trunk precedent, frequently have special trains made up of private cars. The President, however, has his critics. These, while admitting that he has saved his country about $1,600 on his trip, express the view that he should have given more consideration to the element of safety, as "danger of wrecks is greater on a regular train than on one that is run as a special." The discussion throws interesting light upon some aspects of everyday American conditions.

BOVRIL AUSTRALIAN ESTATES.

This company owns one of the largest estates of its kind in the British Empire, approximately 9,000,000 acres in the Northern Territory of Australia and in Western Australia, and a head of cattle considerably exceeding 100,000. A few years ago, says the *Investor's Chronicle*, to strengthen the relations between the company and Bovril, Ltd., the directors offered 24,000 of the 7 per cent. Preferred-Ordinary shares in exchange for Bovril deferred shares to holders of the latter, the new Estates shares being offered at par, and Bovril Deferred being accepted on basis of the first market price of 13s. 9d. Bovril Estates directors stated they were prepared to purchase the first 32,000 Bovril Deferred offered to them on this basis. If this offer was generally accepted there must be a substantial concealed reserve in the "investments at cost" item of £15,491 in the present balance sheet. Cash £11,254 and debtors £3,140, total £14,394, against creditors £101,895, this including London loans, a large item that no doubt will be converted into a new capital issue when this is thought convenient. Preferred-Ordinary shares are quoted 17s. 6d. to yield about 8 per cent. They appear moderately valued having regard to the declining amount of debenture ranking ahead.

DEATH OF SIR JOHN ANDERSON.

The death has occurred at Eastcote place, Middlesex, of Sir John Anderson, the well-known East India merchant and head of the firm of Messrs. Guthrie and Co., Ltd. Sir John, who was seventy-two years of age, spent more than fifty years in Singapore, where he was educated, and where later he joined the Government service. He became connected with the firm of Guthrie and Co. in 1871 at Singapore, and this association continued until his death. He succeeded Mr. Thomas Scott as head of the firm, and in 1912 came over to England. Sir John, who was a leading authority on Middle Eastern questions, was a director of the Linggi Plantations, Cheviot Rubber, Kombok (F.M.S.) Rubber, Labu (F.M.S.) Rubber Co., Rubber Roadways, Apex (Trinidad) Oil Fields, British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate, London and Colonial Investment Corporation, Renong Tin Dredging Co., and the Siamese Trading Corporation.

THE OUTLOOK.

The success of the Exchequer Bond conversion, involving a saving of £1,000,000 a year to the Treasury, is certain to be followed by more ambitious proposals for reducing the annual cost of the National Debt by the only sound method, which is the offer to holders of lower-interest securities with the option of repayment at par (writes the *Sunday Times*). Periodical conversions of War Loan 5 per cent. Stock may be expected, and it is to be hoped that the consequent saving will enable the income tax to be reduced. Despite the heavy premiums at which the new Greek, German, Hungarian, and Austrian Loans are quoted, they still offer high yields in comparison with the general run of Foreign Government Bonds, and in all probability will appreciate further. Having previously expressed doubts as to the wisdom of holding Chinese Railway Loans, we are not surprised that the Hukuang default has caused a severe fall in this group. The only course for holders now seems to be to keep them in the hope that the Powers will take stronger measures than have been adopted as yet. The Customs Loans are in a different category altogether, and we consider these worth buying at the lower levels now prevailing.

GRIMSBY TRAMWAYS.

The Provincial Tramways Company has had inquiries from holders of its Debenture Stock as to their position with regard to the award in the recent arbitration between the Grimsby Corporation and the Great Grimsby Street Tramways Company. The directors have been advised that certain liabilities of the Great Grimsby Street Tramways must be provided for before any distribution can be made to the Debenture holders: the amount of these liabilities has not yet been ascertained, and, until they are, the amount available cannot be stated. The arbitrator fixed the price to be paid by the Corporation at £109,849.

FORWARD RUBBER SALES.

Panawatte Tea and Rubber Estates and Yatiyantota Ceylon Tea Company have each sold 90 tons standard quality crepe rubber at an average price of 1s. 6½d. per pound London landed terms, deliverable in equal monthly quantities from January to December, 1925. Seremban Rubber Estates has sold 120 tons standard quality rubber for delivery in London in equal monthly quantities from January to December, 1925, at an average price of 1s. 5⅞d. per pound.

The transfer books of the Great Southern Railway Company's Debenture Stocks, Original Stock, 4 per cent. Guaranteed Stock, and 4 per cent. Preference Stock will be closed on the evening of the 31st December, 1924.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

ULSTER BANK.—Net profit for the year to November 29th, 1924, was £211,378, and £92,555 was brought in. Two half-yearly dividends, totalling 21¼ per cent., have been paid, £25,000 placed to officers' superannuation fund, £5,000 to widows' fund, and £100,000 to reserve (making that fund £900,000), and £91,589 carried forward.

ASSAM CONSOLIDATED TEA ESTATES, LTD. —Interim dividend of 4 per cent. actual on 400,000 Ord. Shares of £1 each.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN TOBACCO.—Report for year to 30th September, 1924, shows a net profit, after deducting all charges and expenses for management, etc., and providing for income-tax and corporation tax, of £4,866,265. Preference dividend of 5 per cent. absorbs £225,000, leaving £4,641,265, plus £3,531,770 brought in, making £8,173,036. Directors recommend distribution on 19th January of final dividend (free of British tax) on Ord. shares of 2/- per share, making 26¼ per cent., leaving £3,914,115 to be carried forward. Net profits do not include company's proportion of undivided profits of associated companies. Directors announce interim dividend of 10d. per share (4 1-6 per cent.) for year 1924-25. Corresponding payment in January last was 4 per cent. The table appended shows the results for the past six years:

Year to Sept.	Net profit. £	Ord. dividend. Per cent.	Issued Ord. capital. £
1919	3,776,506	30	8,501,911
1920	4,879,177	*30	16,002,593
1921	4,323,481	24	16,015,645
1922	4,400,784	25	16,046,070
1923	4,494,972	25	16,071,327
1924	4,866,266	26¼	16,071,402

*Plus capitalised bonus of 25 per cent. and 6 per cent. in Garland Steamship shares.

BENN BROTHERS.—Interim dividend of 6¼ per cent. on Ord. Shares.

CANADA IRON FOUNDERS.—A dividend of 3 per cent. declared on Pref. Shares.

DUNDEE, PERTH, AND LONDON SHIPPING. —Interim dividend of 2 per cent., less tax.

HALL AND CO., LTD.—An interim dividend on the Ord. Shares to the 30th September, 1924, at the rate of 1/- per share, less tax.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER.—Dividend of 1½ per cent. on Common Shares for quarter.

INVESTORS' MORTGAGE SECURITY CO.—A final dividend on Ord. Stock at rate of 14 per cent. per annum, making 13 per cent. for the year.

LENGLEN (JAVA) RUBBER ESTATES.—Dividend of 3 per cent.

NEW ERA CONSOLIDATED.—Dividend of 20 per cent.

NORTH BRITISH COLD STORAGE.—Interim dividend at rate of 6 per cent. per annum, less tax. (Last year's interim same.)

NORTH-EASTERN BREWERIES.—Dividend of 12 per cent. on Ord. Shares, making 15 per cent. for the year.

OILFIELDS FINANCE.—Report for year to June 30th, 1924, states that the Phoenix Oil and Transport Co., in which the company is largely interested, continues to make remarkable progress while maintaining a strong financial position. The output of crude oil, which was 42,106 tons in 1922, and 105,259 tons in 1923, is estimated for 1924 at 185,000 tons, and in view of the intensive drilling programme which is being steadily pursued in some of the richest oilfields of Europe, it is officially anticipated that the undertaking will reach the dividend stage in the new financial year.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY, U.S.A.—Dividend of 1¼ per share on Common Stock.

STOLL PICTURE THEATRE (KINGSWAY), LTD.—A final dividend on Ord. Shares at rate of 10 per cent. per annum, less tax.

TWYFORDS.—Interim dividend for nine months to September 30, 1924, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, less tax, on Ord. Shares.

WANKIE COLLIERY CO.—Report for the period October 26, 1923, to August 31, 1924, shows a profit of £138,473. Dividend of 10 per cent., less tax, in respect of the broken period ended August 31, 1924; and interim dividend of 10 per cent., less tax, on account of the financial year ending August 31, 1925.

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

CATTLE.

NORWICH.—A small supply of good bullocks met a very firm trade at 14/- per stone. Business was slow for store cattle, which were few in numbers, and £22 was realised. Calves were more numerous and a sharp trade was experienced. There was a poor demand for fat and store sheep, fat making up to 1/4 per lb. The supply of fat and store pigs was fair, pork being again maintained at 12/- per stone. Feeders made up to 48/- and strong stores to 43/-, while small stores met a moderate trade. At market—Cattle 720, sheep 500, and pigs 170.

DONCASTER.—Only moderate supply of English cattle, but average show of Irish. Milk beasts were £3 lower in price, making up to £37, but majority £25 to £30, bullocks £18 to £23, heifers £18 to £20, and stirks £10 to £12, with slow sale. No inquiry for sheep. Pigs few, prices easy.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES. — BALTIC—WHEAT—Cargo market firm, and sellers reserved, Australian being held for 6d. per qr. advance, and Plate descriptions 3d. per qr. Cargo—No. 1 Northern Manitoba Dec. sellers 69/9, No. 2 hard winter Jan. 65/6, choice white Karachi Jan. 63/-, Australian Jan.-Feb. 66/-, Rosafe (64lbs.) Jan.-Feb. 65/6. Parcels firmer, while in fair demand; No. 1 Northern Manitoba Dec.-Jan. sold 68/-, Jan.-Feb. 69/9, Australian Jan.-Feb. sellers 65/9, Rosafe (64lbs.) Jan.-Feb. 65/3 per 480lbs. MAIZE in fair demand, and market firmer; Plate steamers afloat sellers 46/3 to 46/6, Dec.-Jan. 47/3, Jan.-Feb. 48/6; steamer 5,000 tons yellow South Russian Feb.-March sold 46/-. Parcels steady; Plate Dec.-Jan. sold 45/3, Jan.-Feb. 47/- per 480lbs. BARLEY inactive, and nominally unaltered. OATS steady; Plate afloat sellers 27/10½, Jan. 27/6, Jan.-Feb. 27/3 per 320lbs.

LIVERPOOL.—WHEAT—Higher quotations from Winnipeg and Chicago were reflected here at the outset, when forward deliveries of wheat improved to a liberal extent. The greater part of the advance, however, was afterwards lost owing to a bearish report of the world's visible supply, but, with a demand from "shorts" to cover, values again moved upwards, and though slightly under best, marked a decided gain at the finish. C.i.f. parcels held for 6d. to 9d. advance, but little disposition shown to operate, business being confined to No. 1 Manitoba December-January at 63/6, with No. 1 Duluth afloat quoted 65/-, No. 2 hard winter afloat 64/6, December 65/-, Rosario-Santa Fe January 65/3, Australian afloat and December-January 66/- per qr. C.i.f. parcels MAIZE quiet at about late rates, River Plate January-February sold at 47/- to 47/1½ per qr. Wheat on the spot firmly held for yesterday's extreme market prices. Maize spot parcels steady at late rates of 9/8 to 9/8½ for River Plate and 10/9 Russian, but in only moderate demand. FLOUR firm at the recent advance. Graded wheat futures opened 1½d. per cental dearer, gained a further ½d. to ¾d., then gave way fully ½d. to ¾d., but again improved, and, though closing under best, showed 1d. advance on the day after a good trade being concluded. Sales, 80 loads, at 13/5½ to 13/5 for December, 13/7, 13/7½, 13/6½, 13/6½, 13/6½ and 13/5½ near, and 13/5½, 13/5½, 13/5½, and 13/5½ for May delivery. Values—December 13/5, March 13/6½, May 13/5½ per cental. Maize options ruled quiet and closed unchanged to ¼d. per cental over last night. Sales, 10 loads, February at 9/10 per cental. Values—January 9/7½, February 9/7½, March 10/0½ per cental. Imports of grain (cwts.):—Saturday—Wheat, 9,000; flour, 2,880; peas, 80; beans, 1,400. Last week—Wheat, 448,460; flour, 35,548; maize, 116,382; peas, 2,646; beans, 3,411. This year—Wheat, 22,994,721; flour, 807,073; maize, 7,743,127; peas, 403,297; beans, 256,375. Last year—Wheat, 22,304,158; flour, 798,637; maize, 7,637,067; peas, 317,133; beans, 189,444.

NEWCASTLE.—Foreign wheat, 2/- advance at 15/- to 15/3; English 13/-. Maize 10/4 to 10/8; native oats 10/4 to 11/-, foreign 10/9 to 12/-; boxings 10/3, bran 9/3, broad bran 10/6. Flour 2/- advance from 53/- to 55/-.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—Irish and Danish BACON continues to be firmly held for late rates, but the demand is again of only moderate dimension, chiefly for former. Canadian Wiltshire still scarce and firm, without alteration in value. American selections of bacon here attract very little attention, but singed Wiltshire maintains late prices owing to relative scarcity, though Cumberlands again favour buyers, without showing further quotable decline, while backs were unaltered, and long clears and bellies remain nominal in the absence of supplies. HAMS quiet at about late prices for all descriptions. Shoulders also quiet for squares and New Yorks at recent currencies, with picnics scarce and still nominal. LARD on the spot is in only moderate request and holders repeat late prices for both prime steam and American refined, Chicago cables having little influence. CHEESE still firm and in fair demand at the recent advance, Canadian attracting most attention. BUTTER quiet and Danish shows a further decline of 2/- at 244/- to 246/- per cwt., but other makes not quotably altered. EGGS dull at 23/- to 26/- per 120 for Irish hen and 10/- to 10/6 Egyptian. Imports of provisions (cwts.):—Saturday—Bacon, 5; cheese, 50. Last week—Bacon, 6,800; hams, 1,984; lard, 22,618; cheese, 5,867; beef, 25; butter, 2,289. This year—Bacon, 306,733; hams, 181,179; lard, 953,288; pork, 5,061; cheese, 384,624; beef, 1,500; butter, 176,567. Last year—Bacon, 408,836; hams, 197,057; lard, 905,433; pork, 7,106; cheese, 465,092; beef, 2,616; butter, 158,580.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—There was a good demand for the fair arrival of vegetables on market, at following prices:—York cabbage 50/- to 55/- and 73/- per load, Savoy 32/- to 66/- and 71/- per load; cauliflowers 4/- to 4/6 per dozen, Swede turnips 1/9 to 2/- per cwt., sprouts 3/- to 4/3 per float, celery 2/6 to 4/- per bunch, thyme 6d., white turnips 4d. to 8d. per bunch.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Supplies still far in excess of business practicable, which is very dull at 8/- to 8/6 per cwt.

SMITHFIELD POULTRY AND GAME.—Surrey chickens 1/5 to 1/10, country 1/3 to 1/5, Irish 1/1 to 1/4, Belgian 1/3 to 1/7, Dutch 1/2 to 1/5, Hungarian 1/2 to 1/4; English hens, old 10d to 1/-, Irish 8d. to 11d.; country ducks 1/1 to 1/3, English turkeys 1/4 to 1/10, Irish 1/2 to 1/5, Hungarian 9d. to 11d., French 1/1 to 1/5, Italian 11d. to 1/1, Argentine 1/2 to 1/3; wild rabbits 7½d. to 9d., tame 10d. to 1/- per lb.; pheasants 4/9 to 5/6, partridge, young 4/- to 4/6, old 1/6 to 1/9; wild duck 2/6 to 2/9, widgeon 1/6 to 1/8, teal 10d. to 1/2, golden plover 1/3 to 1/5, black 9d. to 1/-, guinea fowl 3/3 to 3/9, English hares 5/- to 5/6, Scottish 1/9 to 2/3, leverets 2/6 to 3/9 each; Australian frozen rabbits 35/- to 43/- per case of two dozen.

CORK BUTTER.—The market remains steady with values firm. Creameries 216/- per cwt., choicest mild 212/- upwards, farmers' fresh parcels 163/-.

GRIMSBY FISH.—Poor supply; demand fair. Plaice 13/6, lemon soles 24/-, whitings 4/-, cod 6/- to 8/6, skate 7/- to 8/6, small haddocks 4/-, kit 7/-, gibbed 9/6, dabs 10/- to 11/-, codlings 8/- to 9/- per stone; soles 2/3, turbot 1/10, brill 1/5 per lb.

LONDON CENTRAL MARKETS (SMITHFIELD) —A bounteous and cheap supply of everything last week and this. Beef is plentiful, pork is plentiful, poultry is plentiful; everything is plentiful and cheap. To-day (Monday) promises to be a record day; something like 30,000 carcases of pork are expected from the Netherlands alone, and 25,000 quarters of chilled beef from Argentina. Trade has been slow throughout the week, and while this is doubtless due to the mild weather, the determining factor is that Christmas Day happens to be next Thursday. Supplies last week:—Beef 13,628,160lbs., mutton and lamb 5,053,440lbs., pork 3,931,200lbs., poultry 3,725,120lbs., grand total 26,337,920lbs., an increase on last week of 4,860,800lbs. On Saturday beef was firm; Scotch long 7/4 to 8/-, short 8/4 to 9/4, English 5/8 to 7/-, Argentine chilled forequarters 3/- to 3/4. Mutton quiet; tegs, Scotch 8/8 to 10/-, English 8/4 to 9/4, wethers, Scotch 8/- to 9/-, English 7/4 to 8/8, frozen 4/8 to 7/-. Lamb firm. Pork quiet.

LONDON POTATO.—Supplies of foreign kinds continue heavy and trade without improvement. Best King Edwards 10/- to 11/-, Eclipse, British Queens, also Majestic 8/6 to 9/-, blackland King Edwards 8/6 to 9/-, ditto Evergoods 8/- to 8/6 per cwt., German whites 6/- to 7/-, Polish 6/- to 7/- per 50 kilo bag.

PRODUCE.

LIVERPOOL.—CANE SUGAR quiet, steady, sellers basis 96 deg. pol., parcels afloat 15/- c.i.f. sellers; Cubans February shipment 14/- per cwt. c.i.f. basis 96 deg. pol. The following are Messrs. Tate and Lyle, Limited, quotations to-day:—Crystals—No. 1 35/-, Small No. 1 34/6, No. 2 33/3, bright 33/1½, ex-refinery, Liverpool, less 1½ per cent. discount. Granulated—Standard 33/-, H.T.S. 33/1½, course 35/4½, fine 35/4½, ex-refinery, Liverpool, less 1½ per cent. discount. Cubes ex-refinery in London—1st quality—37/-, H.T.S. 36/9, afternoon tea 37/9, less 1½ per cent. discount. COCOA spot West African unchanged; forward new crop steady, 41/3 per cwt. f.o.b. D clause. COFFEE spot steady, with little business passing. RICE—Old crop Burmah on spot scarce and firmly held; new crop quiet, steady at 15/3 January-February, and 16/- per cwt. c.i.f. February-March shipment No. 2. HEMP—Manila very firm; sales include, J grade January-March £54 15/-, and K grade £53 10/- per ton. c.i.f. December-February shipment. SAGO FLOUR—Sarawak on spot in limited request, 17/9 to 18/- ex-store, sellers 16/6 per cwt. c.i.f. afloat. JAPANESE PEAS continue slow of sale, 25/- quoted on spot, and 25/- per cwt. c.i.f. for shipment. RANGOON BEANS—White hand-picked remain at 14/- for spot parcels, and also forward shipments, c.i.f. terms. F.a.q. idle and nominal at 10/- to 10/3 per cwt., c.i.f. for arrival. COPRA quiet, steady; sun-dried West African nominally £29 per ton. RICE BRAN—Afloat Burmah and November-December shipment, old crop, £7 15/- quoted, new crop January-February shipment £7 5/- per ton ex-ship. LOCUST BEANS—Cyprus without change, values being still nominal at £7 10/- ex-store in bags, and £6 10/- per ton c.i.f. in bulk forward shipment. OIL CAKES—Buyers still show only small interest in most descriptions; American and Bombay Linseed forward shipment nominal at £12 12/6 to £12 15/- c.i.f., value of December shipment undecorticated Egyptian cottonseed £8 10/- ex-ship. Local makes of palm kernel quoted £8 15/- to £9 for cakes, £9 to £9 10/- crushed meals, and £9 per ton sweetened meal ex-mills, Liverpool. LINSEED firmer; £23 2/6 asked December Plate, and £22 15/- per ton January-February new crop. COTTONSEED quiet; buyers' ideas £8 15/- per ton for Brazil f.a.q. for shipment, with sellers quite indifferent at the figure. PALM KERNELS quiet, steady; buyers December-February £22 16/3, and sellers November-January £23 per ton. PALM KERNEL OIL—Liverpool makes without change at £45 10/- for crushed, and £45 per ton extracted forward delivery naked ex-mills, and demand rather quiet. COCOANUT OIL—Ceylon not much inquired for, but for shipment parcels c.i.f. Liverpool £48 per ton repeated. PALM OIL—Prices without change to record, but trading somewhat slow. TALLOW firm; no sales reported. DYEWOODS—Logwood and fustic attract little notice on spot, values steady. GAMBIER—Block on spot remains nominal owing to scarcity of offers; forward par. c.i.f. 78/- wanted, and No. 2 cubes on spot offered in limited quantity only at 105/- per cwt. CUTCH—Burmah on spot value 52/6 per cwt., with very limited offerings. GUM—Niger Arabic in quiet request on spot, but late rates quoted. RUBBER—Para firm; hard pine 18⅛d. to 19d. per lb. on spot. Plantation crepe very firm, spot and January buyers 19¼d., later positions 19½d. per lb. CASTOR OIL—English-made in quiet demand, but unchanged at £76 pharmacy, £71 1sts and £67 2nds ex-mills Hull. Madras March-April shipment possible sellers 8½d., and February-March 8½d. per lb. ex-quay terms, Liverpool, in cases. SEED OILS—Liverpool cottonseed firm, and crushers have little available for sale. Common edible held for 52/-, and deodorised 54/- per cwt. nett naked ex-mills. LINSEED OIL firm at 52/- raw and boiled 54/- on spot, in barrels. ROSIN firm at 16/9, common American 17/3 F and G, 18/3 N, 20/6 WG, and 22/- per cwt. WW on spot. TURPENTINE firm for American on spot at 63/- to 64/- per cwt. PETROLEUM oils steady at 1/3 to 1/3 per gallon for American refined in barrels on spot. WOOD OIL—Hankow difficult of sale; spot quoted 85/- to 87/6, and forward shipment 83/- per cwt. c.i.f. NITRATE OF SODA—Spot demand rather quiet, but quotations unaltered at £13 10/- to £13 15/- per ton, as to quality, in single bags.

LONDON.—SUGAR—Refined market quiet, and prices unaltered both for British and foreign descriptions. Forward quiet at late rates. Czecho granulated ready sellers 17/9, Jan.-March 17/9 f.o.b. Hamburg; Belgian ready 17/3 f.o.b. Antwerp. Raw kinds dull. Cuban 96 p.c. Feb.-March quoted 13/9, and Peruvian prompt 14/9 c.i.f. U.K. White terminal fully steady, with moderate sales, including Dec. at 17/-, March 17/3 to 17/4½, May 17/6, August 17/9 per cwt. COFFEE—Spot parcels fully steady, with fine kinds in small supply. COCOA—Steel dull at about late rates; Accra quiet for shipment and F.F. quality; Jan.-March shipment quoted 41/6 f.o.b. terms. TEA—Private market generally quiet at recent rates. Week's averages—N. India 1s. 10.42d., S. India 1s. 10.85d., Ceylon 1s. 11.84d., Java 1s. 6.65d. Auctions suspended until January. RUBBER active and firmer; plantation standard crepe, also sheet spot, Dec.-Jan., also Jan.-March, sold 1/7½ to 1/7½, April-June 1/7 to 1/7½, and July-Sept. 1/6½ to 1/7. New York—First crepe Dec.-Jan. sold 1/7½, Jan.-Feb. 1/7½, and smoked ribbed sheet Dec.-Jan. 1/7½ per lb. c.i.f. terms. Latest spot quotation 1/7½ buyers.

LIVERPOOL. — WHITE SUGAR TERMINAL MARKET—The following are Saturday's "Official Call" prices of the United Sugar Terminal Market Association (Liverpool Branch)—Morning—Dec. 17/1 value, March (1925) 17/4½ sellers, 17/1½ buyers; May (1925) 17/7½ sellers, 17/6 buyers; August (1925) 17/9 sellers, 17/6 buyers. Tone steady.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR.—Melted 516 tons; raw stock, 370 tons. Business in Continental refined has been extremely limited, principally confined to trade supplying actual wants. Prices declined 15d. on week; fine Dutch, 18/6, ordinary 17/6; Czechos 17/9, 18/- for immediate shipment. Forward positions entirely neglected. Market closes with steadier tone, and more enquiry at late values.

DUBLIN FISH.—This market was comprised of 110 boxes of herrings, which proved a glut to sell at 7/6 per box.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LEICESTER WOOL.—The trade is quiet, but there is an encouraging feature in the fact that the stable prices of the wool market look like settling down [illegible] at a rather lower price than at one time seemed possible. Every halfpenny a pound less that has to be paid for wool and yarns means more chances of trade for the hosiery manufacturers, and it was only the sudden jump in Colonial wools that stopped the year ending in a satisfactory manner.

LIVERPOOL COTTON (Closing).—American market is quiet. Brazilian quotations raised 5 points. East Indian unchanged. Egyptian quiet. American futures:—December 13.09d., January 13.09d., February 13.10d., March 13.15d., April 13.17d., May 13.24d. Sales, 3,000. Imports, 18,583 bales. Market quiet, steady.

LONDON HAY AND STRAW.—Market remains steady, with fair supplies on offer. Best meadow hay £5 5/- to £5 15/-, medium £4 5/- to £4 15/-, inferior £3 5/- to £3 15/-; best clover £5 15/- to £6 5/-, best mixtures and sainfoin £5 10/- to £6; best trussed wheat, barley, and oat straw 85/- to 95/- per ton delivered.

IRISH FAIRS.

LISTOWEL.—A small fair with good demand for strippers, and anything forward in condition. Springers, 1st class, £16 to £24; 2nd class, £9 to £12; two and a half years old, 1st class, £13 to £16; 2nd class, £8 to £10 10/-. Yearlings, 1st class, £5 10/- to £7; 2nd, £3 10/- to £4. Stripper cows, 1st class, £11 to £14; 2nd class, £8 to £9 10/-. In the pig market finished bacon pigs went to 90/- per cwt.; sows, 40/- to 45/- per cwt. (live weight); bonhams, from 11 to 14 weeks old, 30/- to 35/- apiece; younger, 25/-.

MUNSTER.—The great Christmas fair at Limerick was of medium size, but buyers were not as numerous as usual, and business was not brisk. Average prices:—Three-year-old heifers and bullocks, £17 to £22; two years old, £14 to £16 10/-; one and a half year olds, £11 to £14; calves, £5 to £8 10/-; milch cows, £18 to £25. Sheep were scarce, and realised 1/1 per lb. on foot.

BALLYMONEY (COUNTY ANTRIM)—Held on 18th December. A moderate-sized fair, composed principally of secondary store cattle of mixed breeding. Owing to the proximity of the Christmas holidays the attendance of buyers was below the average, and all sorts of cattle met a slow, dragging trade. Only a small show of fat cattle, which met a reduced demand, as most local feeders are already stocked for Christmas sales, and no beef shippers were in attendance. Sheep were a small show, and only heavily fleshed animals were in demand at slightly lower rates. Calves under five months old, £2 to £3 10/-, average £3. Store cattle—over 6 and not exceeding 12 months, 2nd class £7 15/- to £9 10/-, average £8 5/-; one-year-old and under two years, 1st class £11 10/- to £15, average £13, live weight average 40/- per cwt.; 2nd class average £10 10/-, live weight average 38/- per cwt. Three years old and over, 3rd class £14 to £17 10/-, average £16; live weight average 39/- per cwt. Fat cattle—Three years old and over, 1st class, average £25 10/-, live weight average, 50/- per cwt. Cows and bulls, 2nd class average £22 10/-, live weight average 42/- per cwt.; 3rd class £18 to £20, average £19 live weight average 40/6 per cwt. Springers (cows and heifers), 2nd class £18 to £23, average £21; 3rd class £14 to £20, average £18. Store sheep—Two years old and over, mountain average 35/-. Fat sheep—Two years old and over, Downs and cross-breds, 60/- to 90/-, average 75/-. Young pigs, 8 to 10 weeks old, 30/- to 38/-, average 37/6.

B. & I. LINE.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS *VIA* LIVERPOOL.

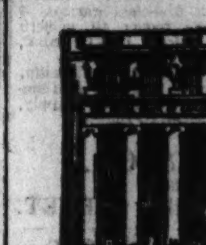
Special 15-day Excursion Tickets at reduced fares will be issued To-Day (Monday) and To-Morrow (Tuesday), 22nd and 23rd December, between

DUBLIN
and
PRINCIPAL STATIONS IN ENGLAND
Sailing every Week-Day
(Christmas Day excepted).

From Dublin (North Wall)... ... ... 8.30 p.m.
From Liverpool (Prince's Landing Stage or Nelson Dock) 10.0 p.m.

Passengers and their luggage are conveyed free of charge by Company's covered motor vehicles between steamer and Liverpool Stations.

British & Irish Steam Packet Co., Ltd.
Passenger Booking Office,
16 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.
TEL., 1039. TELGS., LADYSHIPS.



55 Years' Progress.

FROM a small beginning in 1869 this bank has grown through sound business principles to a place among the largest and strongest banks in the world.

Should you require banking connections in CANADA, SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA, CUBA or the WEST INDIES we offer you a complete banking service throug' our 666 branches.

The Royal Bank of Canada
Head Office: MONTREAL
London Office: PRINCES ST., E.C. 2.

The
NATIONAL CITY COMPANY
Affiliate of
The National City Bank of New York
Offices in over 50 Cities in the U.S.A.

Those interested in dollar investments must have at their disposal definite information relative to United States Income Tax. The following publication will be forwarded upon request:—

"THE UNITED STATES REVENUE ACT OF 1924"
with explanatory digest

THE NATIONAL CITY COMPANY
LONDON OFFICE - - 34, Bishopsgate, E.C.2.

MONTREAL TORONTO QUEBEC — OTTAWA GENEVA COPENHAGEN

Buy the Best. Increase Your Sales. Order To-day

"BLACK SWAN" BUTTER (Rolls-Cartons-Bulk).

DOWDALL, O'MAHONEY & CO., Ltd.,
UNION QUAY, CORK,
AND 5 COPE STREET, DUBLIN.

PRESS ADVERTISING.

SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN BY WELSH RESORTS.

Mr. David Jones, at the meeting of the Barmouth Council, said that the combined effort made by the Great Western Railway and Cambrian Resorts Association in a Press advertising campaign last summer had been the means of bringing a record number of visitors to Cambrian coast resorts, although the Exhibition at Wembley proved strong opposition.

The Deputy Clerk (Mr. Llewellyn Owen) said that urban councils should do all in their power to allocate special funds for Press advertising next summer.

The Council decided to support Llandudno Council, urging a combined Press advertising campaign as the only means of reaching holiday-seekers.

LIVERPOOL MEAT IMPORTS.

There were no arrivals of cattle at Birkenhead last week, but there was a larger supply of pork and beef. Seven steamers arrived with freights as follows:—The Montclare, from St. John, with 3,904 boxes of meat; the Alconda, from Montreal, with 305 boxes of meat; the Regina, from Portland, with 655 carcases of pork, 148 sacks of meat and 420 quarters of beef; the Donna, from Buenos Ayres, with 12,853 sheep and lamb carcases, and 27,116 quarters of beef; the Caronia, from New York, with 250 carcases and 1,411 boxes of pork and 854 boxes of meat; the Aenass, from Australia, with 949 qrs. of beef; the Baltic, from New York, with 2,100 carcases of pork and 1,204 boxes of meat—making a total of 12,853 sheep and lamb carcases, 3,005 carcases and 1,411 boxes of pork, 6,415 boxes of meat and 28,485 quarters of beef. Compared with the arrivals of the preceding week, these figures show an increase of 1,991 boxes and carcases of pork and 23,493 quarters of beef, and a decrease of 903 cattle, 24,996 sheep and lamb carcases, and 4,100 boxes of meat.

Nowadays 22,000,000 of voters set aside one-third of one per cent. of their number whose incomes are over £2,000 a year and pick their pockets.—Lord Hunsdon.

THERMOMETERS.
DIXON & HEMPENSTALL,
12 SUFFOLK STREET.

J. J. AIRD & SONS, M.I.A.A.

LEIX, QUEEN'S COUNTY—DUNNE ESTATE.
THE MANSION, "AGHAVOE HOUSE," BALLACOLLA, AND EXTENSIVE OUT-OFFICES, WITH 100 ACRES (IRISH)
Of the far-famed Lands of AGHAVOE, unquestionably some of the best Feeding and Fattening Grass Land in all Ireland, and held in Fee-simple,
TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1925, AT ONE O'CLOCK, ON THE LANDS.

Full particulars can be had from HORACE TURPIN, Solicitor having Carriage of Sale, Maryborough, Leix; or from the Auctioneers,
J. J. AIRD & SONS, M.I.A.A.,
AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS, MARYBOROUGH, LEIX.

SEVERAL RESIDENTIAL HOLDINGS AND BUSINESS PREMISES
FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
J. J. AIRD & SONS, M.I.A.A.,
AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS, MARYBOROUGH, LEIX.

SALE THIS DAY.
JAMES HILL & SON, M.I.A.A., 9, 10 BACHELOR'S WALK.
HIGH-CLASS AUCTION OF
SUPERIOR MODERN FURNITURE, CARPETS, AND EFFECTS,

Comprising:—DRAWINGROOM, DININGROOM, BEDROOM, and HALL FURNITURE, in VARIETY; ROOM, STAIR and LANDING CARPETS, HEARTH RUGS, LINOLEUMS; OVERMANTELS; and a LARGE COLLECTION of CLEAN KITCHEN FURNITURE, DRESSERS, MANGLES, PRESSES, TABLES, CHAIRS, CHINA, GLASS, PLATED WARE, &c., &c.
Sale commences 1 p.m. Purchasers pay 5 per cent. fees.
JAMES HILL & SON, M.I.A.A., AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS, 9 & 10 Bachelor's Walk

MESSRS. HOLDEN'S SALE.
WEDNESDAY, 7th JANUARY, AT 1 O'CLOCK.
DESIRABLE FAMILY RESIDENCE (POSSESSION).
18 ST. LAWRENCE ROAD, CLONTARF.
Lease 999 years, at £3. P.L.V., £23.
Two-storey red brick House, with bay window to roof, and contains two sittingrooms with folding doors, five bedrooms, bathroom (with hot supply), hot linen press, tile kitchen with close range, scullery with hot supply to trough, and several pantries. Gas throughout.
There is a very fine Garden at rear, with usual out-offices, hen house and run, and back entrance. There is a nice garden in front.
On view each day from 2 to 4 o'clock on production of card to view from the Auctioneers.
W. V. SEDDALL, Solicitor, 6 Westmoreland St.
W. J. HOLDEN & SON,
M.I.A.A., Auctioneers,
2 SAINT ANDREW STREET, DUBLIN.

WEDNESDAY, 7th JANUARY, AT 1 O'CLOCK.
COMPACT DWELLINGHOUSE (POSSESSION).
5 SYNGE STREET.
Lease 900 years at £4. P.L.V., £12.
Two-storey House, containing four apartments, kitchen, scullery, pantry, etc. Gas throughout. Garden at rear, with Out-offices and railed plot in front.
The house is situated convenient to tram and good shopping centre. The house has been papered and painted throughout, is fit for immediate occupation, and clear possession will be given the purchaser.
Conditions of Sale from
MURPHY and MALLINS, Solicitors, Kildare street.
W. J. HOLDEN & SON,
M.I.A.A., Auctioneers,
2 SAINT ANDREW STREET.

WEDNESDAY, 7th JANUARY, at ONE O'CLOCK.
PATRICK MURPHY, Deceased.
IMPORTANT CORNER FULLY LICENSED PREMISES.
45 & 46 THOMAS STREET.
No. 45 is held for 99 years from 1889 at £47 15s. 6d. No. 46 is held for ever, free of rent.
TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Salerooms, 2 SAINT ANDREW STREET, DUBLIN.
The premises consist of two well-appointed Public Bars, good Cellarage and Bottling Store, etc.
The domestic accommodation consists of nine apartments, having hall-door entrance. Electric light throughout.
The late Mr. Murphy carried on a very satisfactory trade up to the time of his recent death, and at present the house enjoys a very fine turnover. Trading particulars will be shown at the Auctioneers' Offices.
The premises are well situated in a great ready-money marketing district, and the Sale should attract the attention of buyers of best middle-class licensed property.
Conditions of Sale from
JAMES L. BURKE and CO., Solicitors having Carriage of Sale, 63 Upper O'Connell street.
JOSEPH GLEESON, Solicitor, 3 Palace street, Dublin.
W. J. HOLDEN & SON,
M.I.A.A., Auctioneers,
2 SAINT ANDREW STREET, DUBLIN.

FOR SALE,
On FRIDAY, 2nd JANUARY,
BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
At the COURTHOUSE, MOY
(Unless previously disposed of), those Valuable
FREEHOLD BUSINESS PREMISES,
The Property of Mr. David Topping.
The premises are situate in one of the best positions in the town of Moy, for the carrying on of a most successful business in any of the following lines:—Grocery, Drapery, Hardware, Coal or Timber merchant. There is also good Dwelling accommodation.
For further and full particulars apply to Messrs. SIMMONS, MEGLAUGHLIN and ORR, Solicitors, Dungannon; or
W. R. HANNA,
AUCTIONEER, CHARLEMONT, MOY.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
Pursuant to a Judgment of the High Court of Justice made in an action, Cummins v. Crean, 1921, No. 54, the creditors of
THOMAS CAHILL and the creditors of Mary Cahill, both late of Cloghateaner, Drangan, in the County of Tipperary, who died respectively on or about the month of September, 1915, and August, 1920, are, on or before the 20th day of January, 1925, to send by post, prepaid, to Mr. John A. Kennedy, of 15 South Frederick street, in the City of Dublin, the Solicitor of the Plaintiff, the Executor of Thomas Cahill, deceased, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, and all persons claiming to be incumbrancers affecting the real estate of the said Thomas Cahill, or Mary Cahill, are, by their solicitors, to come in and prove their claims at the Chambers, No. 1, The Law Courts, Dublin Castle, City of Dublin, on or before the said 20th day of January, 1925, or in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said judgment.
Every creditor or claimant on real estate holding any security is to produce same before the Judge at Chambers No. 1, Dublin Castle, on the 23rd day of January, 1925, at the hour of 11 of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.
Dated this 19th day of December, 1924.
THOMAS W. ELLERKER, Chief Clerk.
JOHN A. KENNEDY, Solicitor for Plaintiff, 15 South Frederick street, Dublin.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Justice made in the matter of David Kenny, late of 10 Fairview, Dublin, Shopkeeper, Deceased, and in a cause, Leigh v. Kenny, 1924, No. 6258, the creditors of the said
DAVID KENNY, who died in or about the months of Octobr, 1923, are, on or before the 26th day of January, 1925, to send by post prepaid to Thomas F. Monks, LL.D., of 27 Molesworth street, Dublin, solicitor for the plaintiff, the full particulars of their claims, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order. Every creditor holding any security is to produce the same at Chambers No. 1, Law Courts, Dublin Castle, on the 11th day of February, 1925, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.
Dated the 18th day of December, 1924.
THOMAS W. ELLEKER, Chief Clerk.

IN THE GOODS OF
ANDREW MURPHY, late of Tullomoy, Luggacurran, Queen's County, Farmer, Bachelor, Deceased.
Take notice that on the expiration of eight days from the date hereof I shall apply to the proper Officer of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, King's Bench Division (Probate) for a Grant of Administration of the personal estate and effects of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 27th day of June, 1907, unless a Caveat has been duly entered thereto within the aforesaid eight days.
Dated this 19th day of December, 1924.
ROBERT A. OSBORNE, LL.B., Solicitor for the Administratrix, 27 Molesworth street, Dublin, and Athy.

IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1908 TO 1917,
And in the Matter of
THE DUBLIN METAL AND GALVANIZING COMPANY, LIMITED, in Liquidation.
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 188 of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 23 Exchequer street, in the City of Dublin, on Wednesday, the 31st day of December, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon.
JOHN BROWN, Liquidator.
19th December, 1924.

IMPORTANT TO SOLICITORS.
From the 1st May, 1924, the charge for their advertisements under Legal Notice heading, or in any other advertising column of this paper (save "Agony" or Personal), is 1/6 per line, with a minimum of 10/6.
THE MANAGER.

Xmas Gifts
Blouses and Jumpers,
Suitable and always acceptable Gifts.
The Blouse House,
Grafton Street, Dublin.
Open to-day until 6.30.

THE BEST WEEK-END PAPER FOR DUBLIN People is the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES." Last Edition on Sale every Saturday Morning. Price Twopence.

HOUSES AND LANDS.

BATTERSBY & CO.
Estb.—1815. 'Phones—48 and 49.

DONNYBROOK—Possession—Desirable House; 3 sitting, 3 bedrooms, maid's room; good garden and rear entrance, shed. Price £1,250.—BATTERSBY, Westmoreland street.

DAWSON STREET—To Rent—Best position in street—Fine Wareroom and Rooms over; all in first-class repair. Apply BATTERSBY, Dublin.

GLENAGEARY—Possession—Detached, an Attractive House, nicely situated; 3 sitting, 3 bedrooms, bath, etc. Price £1,400. Apply BATTERSBY, Dublin.

MERRION—Possession—A well-built House, facing the sea, with a first-class garage; 3 reception, 3 bedrooms, maid's room; all modern conveniences. Apply for price, BATTERSBY, Dublin.

WANTED, to RENT or PURCHASE, Clonsilla, Castleknock, or vicinity, a compact, medium-sized Residence, with modern conveniences. Apply, giving all particulars, BATTERSBY, Dublin.

BATTERSBY & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS,
39 WESTMORELAND STREET.

CASTLENOCK OR NEIGHBOURHOOD—WANTED TO RENT, in the Castleknock district, an UNFURNISHED HOUSE, containing two or three sittingrooms, four bedrooms, two maids' rooms, with small stabling and garage. Detached preferred, but land not necessary. Replies to James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton street.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
JAMES DOWLING, formerly of Newtown House, Duleek, and Ardcath, in the County of Meath, Farmer, and late of 74 Lower Gardiner street, in the City of Dublin, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., cap. 54, that the said James Dowling, by his Will, dated 22nd July, 1922, bequeathed the following Charitable Legacies:—
To his Executrix, Elizabeth Dowling, the sum of £100 for funeral expenses and Masses to be offered for the repose of his soul. To the Governors of Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, £200. After the death of the Survivor of his sister, Elizabeth Dowling, and his brother, John Dowling, the following to be paid:—
To the Reverend Thomas Gillic, or the Parish Priest for the time being of Duleek, County Meath, and to the Reverned John Leonard, or Parish Priest for time being of Ardcath, County Meath, £100 each, for Masses for the repose of his soul and the souls of his relatives.
To the Prior for time being of the Dominican Priory at Drogheda, to the Prior for time being of the Augustinian Order at Drogheda, to the Guardian for time being of the Franciscan Friars at Drogheda, £100 each, for Masses for the repose of his soul and the souls of his relatives.
To the Superioress for time being of the Presentation Convent, Drogheda, the sum of hundred pounds (sic). To the Superioress for time being of the Sisters of Charity, Drogheda, the sum of hundred pounds (sic). To the Superioress for time being of the Sisters of Mercy, Drogheda, the sum of hundred pounds (sic). To the Superior for time being of the Christian Brothers, Drogheda, £100.
To the Treasurer for the time being of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Drogheda, the sum of pounds (sic), for the purposes of the Society.
To the Prior for time being of the Dominican Priory, St. Saviour's, Dublin, and to the Superior for the time being of the Carmelite Priests, Whitefriar street, Dublin, £100 each, for Masses for the repose of his soul and the souls of his relatives.
To the Superioress for the time being of the Sisters of Charity in charge of the Children's Hospital, Temple street, Dublin, the sum of pounds (sic).
To the Superioress for the time being of the Sisters of Charity, Upper Gardiner street, Dublin, £200. To the Brother Superior for the time being of the Carmelite Brothers of St. Joseph's Asylum for the Male Blind, Drumcondra, Dublin, the sum of hundred pounds (sic).
To the Treasurer for time being of the Executive Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, Dublin, £200. To the Superioress for time being of the Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Patrick's Home, Kilmainham, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for time being of the Little Sisters of the Assumption, Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor, Upper Gardiner street, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for time being of the Nuns in charge of the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Dublin, £200. To the Mother Abbess of the Poor Clares, St. Clare's Orphanage, Harold's Cross, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for time being of the Sisters of Charity, Lakelands Orphanage, Sandymount Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for the time being of the Sisters of the Holy Faith, St. Brigid's Orphanage, Eccles street, Dublin, the sum of hundred pounds (sic). To any of the Trustees for the time being of the Catholic Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Cabra, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for time being of the Nuns (Poor Servants of the Mother of God), St. Joseph's Asylum, for Aged Single Females, Portland Row, Dublin, £200. To the Superioress for the time being of the Sisters of Mercy in charge of St. Joseph's Night Refuge for Homeless Women and Children, Brickfield lane, Cork street, Dublin, the sum of pounds (sic). To the Superioress for the time being of the Sisters of Our Lady of Refuge, Magdalen Asylum, Lower Gloucester street Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for time being of the Sisters of Charity, Saint Mary Magdalene Asylum, Donnybrook, Dublin, £100. To the Secretary for time being of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, Parliament street, Dublin, £100, for the purposes of the Association. To the Superior for the time being of the Dominican Friars in charge of Saint Saviour's Orphanage, Denmark street, Dublin, £200. To the Brother Superior of the Carmelite Brothers in charge of St. Joseph's Asylum for the Male Blind, Drumcondra, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress of the Sisters of Charity in charge of Saint Mary's Asylum for the Female Blind, Merrion, County Dublin, £100. To the Brother Superior of the Christian Brothers in charge of Saint Vincent de Paul's Male Orphanage, Prospect, Glasnevin, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress of the Sisters of Charity in charge of St. Vincent's Female Orphanage, North William street, Dublin, the sum of pounds (sic). To the Superioress of the Sisters of Charity for time being in charge of St. Joseph's Female Orphanage, Mountjoy street, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for time being of the Nuns in charge of Saint Brigid's Schools of the Holy Faith, the Coombe, Dublin, £100. To the Superioress for time being of the Sisters of Mercy in charge of the Mater Misericordiæ Hospital, Eccles street, Dublin, £200. To the Superioress for the time being of the Sisters of Mercy in charge of Jervis street Hospital, £100. And the Testator declared that the foregoing bequests to Charitable Institutions are for the benefit and purposes of such Institutions. And Testator bequeathed the residue of any moneys and investments to his Trustee, or Trustees, to pay to any Charities for any Charitable purposes that they might select. And the said Testator appointed his sister, Elizabeth Dowling, the sole Executrix and Trustee of his said Will. The said Testator, James Dowling, died on the 23rd day of November, 1923 and his Will was proved by his said sister, Elizabeth Dowling, the Executrix therein named, and Probate thereof granted to her forth of the High Court of Justice (Probate), Saorstat Eireann, on the 4th day of April, 1924.
Dated 11th day of December, 1924.
CHARLES O'CONNOR, Solicitor for said Executrix, 110 West street, Drogheda and 4 Dame street, Dublin.
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests, and to all Persons whom it may concern.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
PATRICK JOSEPH CULLINAN, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Statute 30 and 31 Vic., cap. 54, that the said Patrick Joseph Cullinan, late of Carrollstown House, Trim, in the County of Meath, by his Will, dated the 21st day of December, 1922, made the following bequests, that is to say:—
To Sister Anna Cullinan, known as Mother Acquinas, of the Loretto Convent, Rathfarnham, for such charitable purposes in Ireland as she in her discretion shall think fit, the sum of £200.
And Testator bequeathed the following sums for Masses for the repose of his soul and that of his deceased wife:—
To Father Bernard Gorman, of Clarendon street, Dublin, £25.
To Father John Flatley, Parish Priest of Aughagower, Co. Mayo, £25.
To the Lord Abbott for the time being of the Trappist Order of Mount Mellary, County Waterford, £50.
The said Testator died on the 13th day of December, 1923, without having altered or revoked said Will, and Probate thereof was granted to Harry Kirwan, of Caherhue, Co. Galway, Esquire, and Patrick Dunne Cullinan, of Carrollstown, Trim, Co. Meath, aforesaid, the Executors named in said Will, on the 18th day of February, 1924, forth of the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann.
Dated the 15th day of December, 1924.
BROWN and McCANN, Solicitors, 23 Anglesea street, Dublin.
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests, and all who it may concern.

McBIRNEY & CO.'S XMAS GIFT BAZAAR

Thousands of Toys and other attractions for the youngsters, and a magnificent collection of all the most Up-to-Date and Useful Gifts for Everybody.

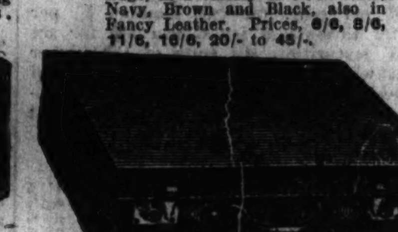
Ladies' Warm Pure Wool Knitted Cardigans, beautifully soft quality, in pretty Fawn, Grey, Rose, and Saxe. Irish manufacture, 24/6 each.
Ladies' rich Artificial Silk Stockings, very superior quality, with seam at back, extra fine weave, glove-fitting ankle. Colours: Silver, Pongee, Sand, Steel and Black, 5/3 per pair.

Jumper (as Sketch) of handsomely-printed Crepe Marocain, Dark Grounds, Oriental Design. 14 inches and 14½ inches. Special Price, 11/6.
Good quality Crepe-de-Chine Jumper, short sleeves, Peter Pan Collar, trimmed Guipure Lace and Black Bow, Champagne, Nut Brown, Saxe, Ivory, 14/6.

Boudoir Caps, in flowered Ninon and Crepe-de-Chine; made up in dainty boxes. Price, 3/6, 7/6, 9/6.
Ladies' Princess Slips, in Silk Stockinette. Price, 7/11.
Ladies' Quilted Silk Dressing Gowns, in all soft shades. Price, 37/6 to 4 Gns.

Ladies' Purse and Handkerchief Bags, in a variety of colours, Navy, Brown and Black, also in Fancy Leather. Prices, 6/6, 8/6, 11/6, 16/6, 20/- to 45/-.

Gents' Brush Cases, containing pair of Ebony Back Brushes and Comb. Price 15/-.


Leather Attache Cases. Size, 14, 16, 18 inches. Prices, 11/6, 13/9, 15/-.

SUGGESTED GIFTS.
Ladies' Roll-up Dressing Case. Price, 45/-.
Fountain Pens, very finest make. Price, 12/6.
Gent's Safety Razor, with Shaving Brush, etc. Price, 35/-.
Gold Watch Bracelets. Silver Watches.
Silk-lined Work Baskets. Price, 7/6 each.
Gent's Leather Suit Cases, 26 inch, with corners. Price, 37/6.
Silvered Chain Purse Bags, 7/6 each.
Ladies' Blouse Case, lined in Brocade, with pockets for Brushes, etc. Price, 55/.
Gent's Leather Suit Cases, 26 inch, with corners. Price, 37/6.
Xmas Annuals, Boys' and Girls' Own Papers, Tiger Tim, Play Box, etc.

Pure Irish Linen Damask Table Cloths. Size, 2 yds. x 2½ yds. Each, 25/6.
Dinner Napkins to match. Per doz., 24/6.

Magnificent variety Ladies' Umbrellas, newest Styles, 12/6, 15/6 and 25/-.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Brown Fur-back Gloves, Wool lined, leather palms, 14/11 per pair.

Ladies' Pull-on Dark Tan Nappa Gloves, Fur top, strap at wrist, lined Wool, 10/11 per pair.

Gents' Black Glace Albert Slippers, cushioned inner soles, warm lined, flexible soles. 10/6 Same Quality in Ladies, 9/6.

Artificial Silk Knitted Scarves, striped or plain effects, 3/6, 4/11, 5/6, 6/11, 8/11, 12/11, and 14/6.

Gent.'s Warm Pure Wool Cardigans, in pretty Marl Mixtures, also in smart shades of Fawn and Grey. Exceptional value, 22/6.

McBirney & Co., Ltd., Aston's Quay, Dublin

Reduced Prices of a Most Substantial Character

Continue To-Day, To-Morrow and Wednesday On Practically all Gift Goods & Toys

LADIES' BAGS. FITTED LEATHER GOODS. TOYS AND GAMES.
ELECTRO PLATE GOODS. CASES OF CUTLERY. CALENDARS, BOOKS.
AND A HUNDRED AND ONE THINGS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

OPEN TILL 9 O'CLOCK. EACH EVENING. TILL XMAS.

The Grafton Stores
Grafton Street, Dublin.

LIFT NOW RUNNING TO ALL THE FLOORS.

Last minute Gifts

Only 2 more days and Christmas will be with us again.

Have you purchased all you Presents, or is your list only hal way through?

If so, Walpoles will enable you to purchase those 'last minute' gifts quickly and satisfactorily.

HANDKERCHIEFS are always pleasing, and Walpoles' huge stock, in spite of the last 2 weeks' onslaught, will enable you to find a suitable present in a comparatively short time. Prices to suit all pockets.

TEA CLOTHS, embroidered or plain, edged Cluny lace or Irish crochet, in hundreds of pleasing designs. Just the thing for one of your friends not yet provided with one of your presents for this Xmas.

Inspect our Linen Dept. Hundreds of novel and useful presents will at once come to your notice. Call **first thing to-day and finish your Xmas shopping comfortably and satisfactorily.**

CARRIAGE PAID ON ALL ORDERS
OPEN TO 6 P.M. — **WALPOLES** (WALPOLE BROTHERS LIMITED) — OPEN TO 6 P.M.
SUFFOLK STREET, DUBLIN

FOR SCHOOL & HOLIDAY WEAR.
Boys' Outfitting.
Magnificent Range of Reliable Hard-wearing Goods at Keenest Cash Prices.

Boys' Polo Fancy Collar Jerseys, in all newest shades of Brown, Grey, Fawn, Putty, Mole, Helio, Navy, Saxe and Capri; good hard-wearing Jerseys. Size 2 ... Rise 3d. each size. **2/11**
Boys' Plain Color Jerseys, in Navy, Brown, Saxe, Grey Fawn, Putty, White and Capri.. Size 2 ... Rise 3d. each size. **2/11**
Other Qualities at 3/3, 3/9, and 4/3 on Size 2.
Boys' Velvet Knickers, Light and Dark Brown and Navy. All sizes. Each.... **5/6**
Boys' Velvet Cord. Knickers, best quality made. Navy, Brown, Fawn and Grey. First Size... Rise 6d. **4/11**
Cheaper Qualities in Brown, Nigger, Grey and Fawn. First Size .... Rise 3d. **2/6**
Navy Serge Knickers, best quality. First Size. Rise 6d. **4/6**
Boys' Three Garment Tweed Suits, as sketch, plain or sport style back, open-end knickers. In all the newest shades of Brown, Fawn, Light and Dark Greys. To fit Boys 8 to 16 years. Large range of prices, 30/-, 25/6, 21/-, 17/6... **15/6**

Boys' Winter Overcoats, in best makes and newest styles. To fit boys of 3 to 8 years. Large variety to select from. Big range of Prices, 21/-, 17/6, 15/6 .... **13/6**
Large range of Boys' Overcoats, to fit boys 8 to 15 years, in Navy Nap (fast colour), or Tweed, in Light or Dark Greys, Browns and Fawn. Style: Double-breasted, with half belt at back. Prices, 37/6 to 25/-, 22/6, 19/6 .... **17/6**
Blue Nap Reifers, with Brass Buttons, in large variety. A very useful present for children. Special Prices, 22/6, 18/6, 15/6.... **13/6**
Boys' Navy Nap, Naval Coats, double-breasted, with half belt, in lovely quality Navy Nap. Prices, 25/6, 21/-, 18/6 and **15/6**
Gents' Cardigan Jackets, in large variety of colours. Prices, 15/6, 12/6, 10/6 and **7/6**
Boys' School Caps, in all the newest styles, in Navy Serge or Cloth, Plain and Fancy. Prices, 2/6, 1/11, and **1/6**
Boys' College Caps, with Monograms, OCS, SM, CBW, CB, CMS, SP, SSC. Price **1/11**

Hickey & Co., Ltd. 23 & 24 North Earl St., DUBLIN. 'PHONE: 2390.

CHRISTMAS APPEALS.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL.
THE
NATIONAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.
The Governors of the Hospital again appeal to the friends and supporters of this very deserving Institution, and ask them, when distributing their Christmas Gifts, to remember the Poor, and so gain the blessings of this holy season.
The pressure on the funds of the Hospital is very great, and although many have responded generously to the monthly appeal, there are still a great many improvements necessary to make the Hospital comfortable, and the Governors depend on the generosity of the Public to carry them out.
Any sum, no matter how small, will be gratefully received. This is the season of generosity, the season when the needs of the Poor are greatest, and the Governors hope for a response to the call of this great charity.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL,
87-88 HARCOURT STREET, DUBLIN.
As the Christmas Season is approaching we hope kind friends will
REMEMBER THE LITTLE ONES IN THE HOSPITAL,
and help to make Christmas happy for them by sending Gifts of Turkeys, Fruit, Vegetables, Toys, etc., to
THE MATRON.

DUBLIN SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE, EDEN QUAY.
The Committee respectfully urge the public who value the Seaman's work, and sympathise with his absence from home and friends at Christmastide, to send Gifts of Money, Provisions and Woollen Comforts for the Christmas Entertainment of the Seamen and Stewardesses and the New Year's Day Entertainment of the Sailors' Children. We expect to dine 200 Seamen on Christmas Day.
C. B. PHIPPS, W. J. MAYNE, } Chaplains.
W. M. CARTE, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

CITY SKIN & CANCER HOSPITAL, 3 HOLLES STREET.
THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IN CHARGE OF THIS HOSPITAL EARNESTLY ASK FOR A SHARE OF YOUR
CHRISTMAS ALMS.
THE SMALLEST DONATION WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

XMAS CHARITIES.
PLEASE HELP
MRS. SMYLY'S HOMES AND FREE SCHOOLS,
Where nearly 400 Children are Fed Daily.
Hon Treasurer,
Miss ANNIE D. SMYLY,
21 Grattan street, Dublin.

SAILORS' CHRISTMAS.
BRITISH AND FOREIGN SAILORS' SOCIETY.
THE SAILORS' REST, 63 North Wall, has for years provided Xmas Fare and Entertainment for the Sailors who are away from home on Christmas Day. No special appeal is being sent out this year, but sympathisers are kindly requested to help by forwarding Gifts in Cash or kind.
Rev. J. S. CROCKETT, Hon. Secretary.
CHAS. E. STEWART, Port Missionary.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.
THE SISTERS OF CHARITY IN CHARGE OF THE HOSPITAL EARNESTLY SOLICIT A PORTION OF YOUR CHRISTMAS ALMS.

HOSPICE FOR THE DYING, HAROLD'S CROSS.
THE SISTERS OF CHARITY
IN CHARGE OF THE DYING EARNESTLY SOLICIT A SHARE OF YOUR CHRISTMAS ALMS. SMALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.
We Appeal to our Charitable Friends to help us to keep open the doors of the Hospice for the Dying who seek for a peaceful Home wherein to die.

MENDICITY INSTITUTION, 9 USHER'S ISLAND, DUBLIN.
THE ANNUAL FREE DINNER
to the Destitute Poor will be provided on Christmas Day. Tickets of Admission can be obtained from the various Charitable Societies, Parochial Clergy of all Denominations, or
THE SECRETARY.

THIS IS YOUR CHRISTMAS REMINDER.
That Poverty Prevails to an Enormous Extent in the City of Dublin.
Your Help in Lessening it is Urgently Needed by "Dublin's Oldest Charity"
THE SICK AND INDIGENT ROOMKEEPERS' SOCIETY.
OFFICES, 2 PALACE STREET, DUBLIN.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2.)
DRESS AND COSTUME.

ABOUT Clothes—Mrs. Higgins, 1 Aston's quay; highest prices Ladies', Gents', Children's left Off Clothing, Jewellery, Artificial Teeth; country parcels received. T

ABOUT Clothes—Mrs. Cusack, 65 Aungier street, gives highest prices for Left Off Clothing, Furniture, etc.; distance no objection. T

ABOUT Clothes—Highest prices for Ladies', Gents', Children's Left Off Clothing, Furniture; distance no objection.—Mrs. White, 15 Aungier street. T

CASH paid for Left Off Clothes, Jewellery, Furniture, Pictures, China, False Teeth; postcard immediate attention. Telephone 435, Rathmines.—Wellington House, 35 Wellington quay. T

EVENING Suit (Jacket) Wanted for boy 18, 5ft. 9"; good order; state lowest price and where seen.—D 1474, this office. 17 A

FUR—Magnificent £30 Three-quarter Beaver Coney Coat, superb rich skins, broche lined, latest model, new condition, must Sell sacrifice, £6 19/6; approval willingly.—Massey, 66 Elswick road, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 19 B

FOR Sale, Dress Lounge Suit, bargain, as new, chest 38. Can be seen at Davies and Jones, Tailors, 28 Pearse street. 21 D

LADY has Clergyman's Coats, etc.; also Pocket Communion Set; cheap. Address "Z 124, Dress," this office.

SHOPKEEPERS, Dealers—174 Fur Stoles for Sale; 27 Blue Foxes, 4 Sable Foxes, 3 large Skunk Opossums, 37 Natural Foxes, 38 Kid Foxes, 15 Goats, 1 Double Kid Fox, 16 Pagadonian Wraps, 2 Hair Wraps, 5 Natural Wolfs, 14 Pagadonian Animal Stoles, 6 Stone Martens, 7 Fitches, etc., etc; all in large sizes. The above to clear at a ridiculous low price.—D 1490, this office. 17 A

VELOUR Coats, Evening and Day Frocks, Shoes, other Articles; bargains owing to mourning.—D 1616, this office.

WANTED immediately, Lady's Side Saddle Habit, small size; cheap. Address "Z 100, Habit," this office. 19 C

HORSES, HARNESS, ETC.

CART Harness, Sale; seen any time; cheap.—Tate, rear 49 Mountjoy square.

VEHICLES.

ALESBURY TRAPS.
NOTED GOLD MEDAL TUB, TONNEAU, ALL WEATHER AND HOODED CARS. SEVERAL CHEAP SECONDHAND CARS.
Catalogue from
ALESBURY BROS., EDENDERRY, KING'S CO.
Showrooms: 3 LINCOLN PLACE, Westland Row, Dublin.

VEHICLES CONTINUED.

OFFORD'S Pony Traps and Harness, New and Secondhand; unrivalled selection of country Traps for all purposes; catalogues 6d., lists 3d.—67 George street, Baker street, London, W.1. X

RUBBER Tyres, all sizes, fitted at short notice.—The City Wheel Works, Ltd., Great Brunswick street, Dublin. T

SALE, two good Farm Carts. Address "Z 63, Carts," this office. 17 A

WHEELS Re-Rubbered with best rubber, best fitted, and cheapest at Ryan's Rubber Tyreing Works, 44a North Brunswick street. 4 X

WANTED, Milk Float, secondhand; crank axle preferred. Apply, stating particulars and price, to "Z 112, Float," this office. 19 C

CATTLE, LIVE STOCK.

BLUE Persian Female Kitten, from registered stud, price 21/-.—Mrs. Coubrough, Templeogue, County Dublin.

FOR Sale, two pure Anglo-Nubian Toggenburg Goatlings, two years old; in kid.—Briscoe, Valclusa, Enniskerry. 19 C

JERSEYS—Two Half Bred Springers, very handsome, on first calf; 19 guineas each.—Blackrock House, Blackrock. 20 F

PIGS—Thirty extra good Stores.—Blackrock House, Blackrock. 19 C

DOGS.

CHARMING Christmas Gifts, Miniature Toy Yorkshire Puppies; ideal ladies' pets.—Miss Loton, 14 Upper Mount street. 7 17

COMPULSORY Sale, Wire Haired Fox Terriers: 18 months Dog, sire Champion Fountain Crusader; 2½ years old Bitch, sire Ch. Wycke Workman, mated to above dog; also four months Puppies, sire Ch. Barry Brigadier. Particulars Miss McClenaghan, Kewrin, Garvagh, Co. Derry.

FOR Sale, pure bred Cocker Pups, six weeks old, suitable for Christmas presents; dogs 2½ guineas; parents can be seen.—Maretimo, Blackrock, Dublin. 16 A

FOR Sale, pure bred Fox Terrier, Dog, excellent ratter and watch; £2.—Browne, Kilbeg, Cappawhite, Tipperary.

FOR Sale, two lovely smooth coated Fox Terrier female Pups, four months old, thoroughbred, make lovely Xmas present; take £1 5/- each. Address "Z 127, Dogs," this office.

HIGH Class Airdale Puppies, 3 months; parents champion bred; price 3 guineas.—Thomas Byrne, 2 Urban Villas, Dalkey. 19 A

LARGE Collie Sheepdog, trained, good watch, £3; approval. Particulars Ireton, Gorey. 19 C

PEKINGESE Puppies, splendid specimens, champion bred; cheap.—Manley, 1 Dolphin terrace, South Circular road. 18 B

PEKINGESE Puppy for Sale, champion bred, Xmas gift; cheap.—Meldon, Clonallan, Greystones. 18 B

PEKINGESE Puppies for Sale, little beauties, very cheap.—1 Duke street, Dublin. 18 B

PURE Bred Collies (pups) for Sale.—Cole, Loughshinny, Skerries. 18 B

SALE, Pom Pups, ten weeks, pure white, jet black beauties, 25/- each; males and females.—O'Neill, Dunleer. 20 B

"THE Irish Field" is the official organ of the Irish Kennel Club, and contains exclusive news and reports. At all newsagents. Every Saturday. Price 2d. T

BUSINESS, BUSINESS PREMISES, LANDS, ETC.

SALE AND WANTED.

A SECOND Floor Office to Let; electric light.—12 St. Andrew street. T

GARAGE (Kingstown), recently built; water service, washing table; moderate terms.—D 1057, this office. T

LARGE Building, near South quays, to Let, suitable for Stores. Address "Z 3542, Stores," this office. T

RABBIT Trapping Wanted of well Stocked Demesnes and large Farms; cash and references.—T. J. Lombard, Glenstal Castle, Newport, Limerick. 17 A

STOCK of Drapery and Outfitting Shop for Sale, or would sell as Going Concern.—D 1504, this office. 18 B

TWO large Warerooms, 15 Wicklow street, large Suite Offices, 24 Suffolk street, to Let; reasonable rents. Apply Montgomery's, Gainsboro' House. 24 27

HOUSES AND LANDS FOR SALE.

AT Upper Fitzwilliam street—Large City Mansion, suitable for conversion into Flats. Apply D 1495, this office. 17 A

BIJOU Detached Residence, Rassagulle House, 19 Corrig avenue, Dun Laoghaire (Kingstown), Sell; 8 rooms, bath, garden front and rear, summer house; lease 78 years, £12 rent; inspection invited. Vacant January.

HOUSE for Sale, Main street, Dundrum; a well built four roomed House, with yard, Vartry supply and w.c.; lease for ever, free of rent. Apply D 1531, this office. 18 B

LANSDOWNE road—Choice Semi Detached Residence for Sale; splendid garden (tram end) overlooking Trinity College Botanic Gardens; price £2,700 or near offer; view by appointment.—D 1588, this office. 19 C

HOUSES TO LET.

PICKFORDS, LTD.,
FURNITURE REMOVERS AND STORERS.
Extensive accommodation.
109 STEPHEN'S GREEN, DUBLIN.
Estimates and Advice Free. 'Phone, 876.
TICKET AGENTS FOR L. M. AND S. RAILWAY. X

HOUSES WANTED.

UNFURNISHED House, Cottage, or Flat, four rooms, three adults and one growing child; Protestants; state lowest terms.—D 1470, this office. 17 A

WANTED, modern House to Purchase; price up to about £850.—D 1493, this office. 17 A

WANTED, House, Mount street, Merrion square or neighbourhood.—D 1540, this office. 18 D

APARTMENTS TO LET.

DUBLIN AND DISTRICT.

APARTMENTS Agency—Lists on application; Flats, Board Residence, Furnished Apartments.—Miss White, 25 Nassau street. 7 T

AT Auburn House, Herbert street—Select Board Residence; visitors or permanent. 15 E

CLONTARF—To Let, Furnished Flat, sittingroom and one or two bedrooms, kitchen, bath.—D 1454, this office. 16 A

FLAT, nicely Furnished, Upper Leeson street; all conveniences; £2 weekly; no children.—D 1462, this office. 17 A

FURNISHED Hall Flat or Half House to Let (adults), select locality.—158, Irish Times Branch Office, Ranelagh. 22 B

FURNISHED Flat to Let; electric light, bathroom; Drumcondra road.—D 1607, this office.

HALL Flat, Leeson street, self contained electric light. Apply, de Courcey, 11 Herbert street. 19 A

LARGE Unfurnished Flat to Let, select locality.—D 1456, this office. 16 A

LARGE, Furnished Combined Room; every modern convenience; board as desired.—47 Grove Park, Rathmines. X

SELECT Furnished Flat, every convenience, Palmerston Park district.—D 1455, this office. 16 A

TWO Flats to Let, ground floor and top, 24 Upper Fitzwilliam street. Seen any time, Caretaker. 18 B

TO Let, comfortably Furnished Flat, containing sittingroom, bedroom, kitchen, bathroom; Kenilworth Park. Address "Z 95, Flat," this office. 18 B

TWO Front Rooms, Furnished, tram line, nice locality, Harold's Cross road.—D 1547, this office. 19 C

TO Let, Flat, well Furnished; 2 bedrooms, sittingroom, kitchenette.—79 Merrion square. 19 C

UNFURNISHED Flat, four rooms, Rathmines, to Let for five months only.—D 1533, this office. 18 B

UNFURNISHED, two Rooms, also Combined; no children; Rathgar.—R O 1437, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

WANTED, two Guests for Pembroke Township; terms moderate.—95, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge.

19 OAKLEY road, Ranelagh—Furnished Apartments or Flat, with gas cooker. 18 B

APARTMENTS WANTED.

DESIRABLE Tenant would take from January 1 well furnished compact Flat (sittingroom, two bedrooms, kitchenette, and bath), or small nicely Furnished House. Address "C," American Consulate-General, Dublin. 18 B

GENTLEMAN requires Bed Sittingroom; state terms, full board, or for room only with attendance.—D 1606, this office.

WANTED by two Gentlemen dining in town, Bedroom, Sittingroom, breakfast every morning, Pembroke district; state terms.—D 1459, this office. 17 A

WANTED, four Roomed Flat or Cottage, in suburbs; near tram; lady, with family.—R 90, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 20 B

SEASIDE AND COUNTRY.

HOUSES TO LET AND WANTED.

BLACKROCK—Advertisements for "Irish Times" received at 41 Main street up to 3.30 p.m. for following day's Paper. T

APARTMENTS TO LET AND WANTED.

BLACKROCK, 23 Carysfort avenue—Apartments to Let; Board as required; moderate. 20 D

KINGSTOWN—Superior Apartments, vacant, Xmas holidays or longer; Board optional.—R 123, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 20 B

MONKSTOWN—Handsome Flat to Let, 24 Longford terrace. Address Birney, 179 Pearse street, Dublin. 18 C

MAN, 45, wants Protestant Farm Home, convenient stations, Blackrock to Greystones; board, laundry, mending; £5 10/- monthly; references exchanged. Address "Z 126, Home," this office.

VACANCIES occur for 3 Lady Pupils in Gardening and Kennel work; lovely surroundings, sea and mountain, South Dublin; home comforts; terms 30/- weekly, include board and tuition. Address "Z 4/125, Ladies," this office. 3 X

LONDON AND CONTINENTAL.

VISITORS to London will find good accommodation in Irish Lady's fine house—Flat of Furnished Rooms, one sittingroom, two bedrooms, separate kitchen, separate scullery, bath, electric, gas fires; most healthy, convenient; other Rooms if required. Write Resident, D'Orsay House, 28 Blessington road, Blackheath, London. 17 A

MISCELLANEOUS.

AT Sharpley's, Baby Linen Specialists—Ladies invited write for Catalogue Baby Linen, Accouchement, Nursery Requisites.—Nassau street, Lower Camden street, Dublin. T

A CAPITAL Idea—Fox, Otter, Badger Skins, etc., cured, dressed, preserved, dyed, made up into beautiful large Furs; moderate charges; Furs and Coats repaired, cleaned, relined, latest styles.—Elberys, Practical Manufacturing Furriers, 74 Lower Camden street and 18a Harcourt road, Dublin. 'Phone 51212. T

A GROWING popularity. Let us tell you why. Because our Clothing is better than our advertising. New customers are agreeably surprised. We put satisfaction into every transaction. We guarantee every Garment we sell. We make no second price. The youngest customer gets the same good value and careful attention as the oldest grown-up. If a purchase is not approved and returned unsoiled inside a week we'll refund the money in full. Please note we don't cater for the lowest grade; we concentrate on stylish, reliable Clothing at an inexpensive price.—Leyburne Murphy, Family Clothier, Exchequer street. 17 A

CHINA, Glass and Delph—Wholesale lists on application.—L. Freedman, 22a Merchant's quay. 26 24

CHRISTMAS Gifts—Irish Lace Table Mats from 1/6 each.—Gordon's, 44 and 22 Mary street, Dublin. 20 2

CI-LO-THARE stops Falling Hair, Cures Baldness; 27 years' success.—White, Chemist, Camden street. 17 A

"CLOCK Repairing" my Speciality.—Walsh, Bedford row (Aston's quay). Personal attention given. E

DOLLS and Toys for Girls and Boys. Large selection at 87 Marlborough street. 18 D

IRISH Lace—Vests or Handkerchiefs, 2/6 to 5/6; Christmas Gifts.—Gordon's, 44 and 22 Mary street, Dublin. 21 2

INCOME Tax—Schedules A. and B. Notes on sale, S. Hanna, 29 Nassau street, Dublin, post free 7d.; also Accountancy Simplified, post free 6/3. 8 15

NEURITIS—A Certain Cure, and for all Aches and Pains. "Special Liniment," 2/6 and 4/6, free by post.—D. J. McGrath, L.P.S.I., The Carlow Medical Hall. 8 13

PHOTOS. Enlarged, Pictures Framed; largest selection Sacred and Secular Pictures and Statues, Best and cheapest in town at 87 Marlborough street. 18 D

PROFESSOR of Phrenology and Graphology will delineate at Drawingroom or other select affair.—D 1604, this office.

Bulbs in Bowls

For Christmastide these are Gifts of Discrimination

3/9 5/9 7/9 10/9

Planted complete and already in growth. Also Cyclamens, Chrysanthemums, Palms, Auracarias, &c. for the Festive Table. Get them at Rowans at a low price.

HYACINTHS
TULIPS
NARCISSUS
DAFFODILS

M. ROWAN & Co.
51-2 CAPEL STREET,
DUBLIN

WEEKLY IRISH TIMES.

	Home and Foreign.
Yearly	13 0
Half-Yearly	6 6
Quarterly	3 3

Telephone Nos. 6030, 80.

Printed and published by the IRISH TIMES, LIMITED, at the Offices, 31 Westmoreland street, in the Parish of St. Mark and City of Dublin.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1924.